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David Jukes named new leader after shock Ukip poll defeat

By Chris Britcher

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DAVID Jukes has been elected as the new council leader of Tunbridge Wells Borough Council as the authority ushers in its third leader in just 18 months.

The former mayor was voted in as leader of the local Conservative Party last Thursday – a move which paved the way to his election as council leader this week.

He replaces Bob Atwood who was sensationally dumped out of local politics after losing his Rusthall seat in the local council elections earlier this month to Ukip.

Cllr Jukes had been Mr Atwood's deputy during a reign which saw the pair steer the council out of the stormy waters of the previous Tory administration and its handling of ambitious regeneration plans for the town centre.

and, in particular, the Town Hall.

By effectively slamming the brakes on the process, Mr Atwood managed to calm the frayed nerves of Tory voters who had begun to turn on their own party.

Yet, remarkably, the new leader was not even present as he was sworn into his new role this week, and was unavailable to comment on his appointment all week due to a "prior contractual commitment".

He was represented at the meeting by his new deputy leader, James Scholes.

Cllr Scholes also remains cabinet member with responsibility for finance and governance.

Under Cllr Jukes' leadership there will be two new faces in the council's cabinet.

Jane March, member for Brenchley and Horsmonden, has been given responsibility for tourism, leisure and economic development and Bill Hills,

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PANTILES PROVES TO BE A TASTE SENSATION

TUCK IN: Pantiles Food and Drinks Festival was again a huge success – SEE INSIDE

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Invitation to a street party

AN OPEN invitation has been extended to residents to take part in a special street party in the centre of town next weekend. Organised by staff from the library and museum, it will take place next Sunday, June 3 in Civic Way, right outside the Town Hall and is part of the nationwide Big Lunch. **PAGE 2**

AWARD

Ajay is named top pooch

GOLDEN retriever Ajay has been named one of Britain's top dogs at a star-studded event in London. The pooch won the Dogged Devotion crown at the Dogs Trust Awards for his role during traumatic months in the life of the Brown-Griffin family. For full details see inside. **PAGE 24**

SPORT

Getting inline for title glory

GREAT Britain coach - and town resident - Andrew Sillito is hoping a new fitness regime will have prepared his players well enough for the Inline Hockey World Championships next week. The former player takes his side to Germany to pit their wits against the world's top teams. **PAGE 79**

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TODAY: A dry, fine and warm day with largely clear blue skies and plenty of sunshine. A moderate easterly breeze. Max temp 19-22C (66-72F).

TODAY'S HIGH TIDE (Metres)

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Margate	03.55	4.4	16.05	4.3
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Your invitation to a Big Lunch in street party at Town Hall

AN OPEN invitation is being thrown to everyone to take part in a special street party right in the centre of town next weekend.

Taking place along Civic Way - which runs outside the Town Hall - the event is being organised by Tunbridge Wells Museum & Art Gallery staff on Sunday, June 3.

It will form part of the nationwide Big Lunch events - designed to encourage residents across the UK to join with neighbours and others in their communities to have lunch.

The event in town runs from noon to 3pm and the invitation is open to everyone to take part.

Residents are invited to bring their own picnic lunch, with the museum providing the tables.

Katrina Burton, of Tunbridge Wells Museum & Art Gallery, said: "We are also asking people to make jubilee bunting for the event. A special bunting workshop on Sunday May 27 from 1-3pm will give people some ideas - or we urge people to visit our website to get their bunting under way."

During the day there will be a range of other entertainments, including music, magic tricks, traditional games, juggling, a smoothie bike, arts and crafts and more.

The street party will end with an official cake-cutting by the new Mayor of Tunbridge Wells, John Smith, at 3pm.

For more information visit www.tunbridgewells.org or www.thebiglunch.com

Meanwhile, those in the Tunbridge Wells East Division ward are being reminded to vote in the Kent County Council by-election on June 14. The last day to register for votes is Monday.

Sweet taste of success as thousands flock to festival

By Chris Britcher

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ORGANISERS of last weekend's Pantiles Food and Drink Festival say it once again proved a huge success with thousands flocking to the parade to soak up the atmosphere.

They say 15,000 people - a comparable figure to last year - attended, despite the weather failing to repeat last year's sunshine.

More than 50 stalls selling the best Kent and Sussex produce, both hot and cold food, wines, beers and juices took over the historic heart of the town.

An al fresco demonstration kitchen constructed on the bandstand, was again the centrepiece of the event with five top local chefs appearing on both days.

Highlights - unless you are vegetarian - included Julian Leef-Griffiths of The Black Pig preparing venison from scratch.

Food writer Catherine Hill cooked

some family treats, while Matthew Sankey rounded off both Saturday and Sunday's events with demonstrations showcasing crab and oysters.

Organised by The Association of Pantiles Traders as a not-for-profit event, a spokesperson for the organisation said: "We knew last year was a hard act to follow, especially given the sunshine weather conditions we enjoyed.

"Happily people came prepared for the unseasonal weather and stayed - some for the duration. We were even rewarded with some fleeting sun. There was a great atmosphere again, and I understand the stallholders had a good weekend of sales.

"We look forward to seeing everyone at the other events we have planned this summer; the next

being the Pantiles 1940s Festival on June 23 and 24, to coincide with the Spa Valley Railway's 'Steaming Through The '40s' event."

Other events last weekend included a series of talks and tastings - including a wine tasting from Biddenden Vineyards, a masterclass on keeping bees and chickens, and a full house for local, Eridge-based chocolatier Damian Allsop.

Mr Allsop has revolutionised the chocolate world by developing a technique to replace the cream and butter in chocolate with local spring water from the Eridge Park estate. The Sussex Arms, based behind the Pantiles in Sussex

Mews hosted a local beer festival to complement the event.

The festival was sponsored by Produced in Kent and the new owners of the Lower Pantiles. For details on future events, see www.pantilestradars.co.uk.



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WILDLIFE

Snake bite hot spots revealed as public told: stop picking up adders

By Chris Murphy

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APPARENTLY the message still hasn't got through to everyone – adders are poisonous so don't pick them up.

Their bites can be nasty – even fatal – and it seems Tonbridge is one of Britain's top hot spots for attacks, with 11 reported in two years.

And despite the country's only poisonous snake being pretty shy, we just can't resist the temptation to actually go near and pick them up.

The National Poisons Information Service (NPIS) is the advisory body for frontline medics, and is part of the Health Protection Agency.

It found that between 2009-11, it was asked for help 196 times after people across the country were bitten by adders – about half from people actually grabbing them.

These included the 11 in Tonbridge, plus two in Rochester, and one each in Dartford and Canterbury.

One victim was Matthew Popov, 31, from Strood, who was bitten at Riverside Countryside Park, Rainham.

It almost killed the scaffolder in July, 2010, after he tried to shift the snake from near a path after his young son almost touched it.

At the time, he said: "I did not realise the severity of it until the doctors came out and said 'we nearly lost him'."

Bites occur between February and October, most commonly in the warmer months of June, July and August.

NPIS director Professor Simon Thomas said: "Adder numbers have decreased in recent years so they are rare but still present in certain areas.

"They usually keep well out of sight, but in the summer months are active because the weather is warmer.

"Because they are well camouflaged people can accidentally tread on them, which is when they can bite. They can also bite if picked up.

"The bite can have very nasty effects, especially in smaller children, so it's best to take care when out walking; wear appropriate footwear for the terrain and do not handle any snakes.

"Sometimes the venomous adder can be mistaken for non-venomous species such as the grass snake or smooth snake, making people think it is safe to pick them up."

Jo Richards, from the Kent Reptile and Amphibian Group, said: "It's usually a man thing, but when they see a snake for some reason they want to pick them up."

"Just leave them alone and give them space. By all means watch them, but don't go near them. We had one man bitten when he slightly more sensibly tried to move one with his foot – but he was wearing open sandals."

And Dr Rick Hodges, the honorary secretary of the group, added: "Out of the flood zone on the



Picture: DR LEE BRADY

NEWS IN BRIEF

► Vandal must say 'sorry'

A 16-year-old boy who vandalised 19 cars has been ordered to write letters of apology to the victims. The teenager from Lydd appeared before Canterbury magistrates this week. He admitted damaging the car windows of 19 vehicles in April and was given a six-month youth rehabilitation order, which forbids him from leaving his house between 9pm-7am. The court ordered the boy to write letters of apology to all the car owners and pay £500 compensation.

► Hockey tourism boost

A TOURISM boom is predicted from the inaugural FIH Hockey Masters World Cup – the largest international hockey event ever staged in England. It takes place at Polo Farm Sports Club, Canterbury, from August 14-16, and the University of Kent will be the 'Athletes' Village' for the 1,200 top class hockey players taking part. Some 80 teams from across the world will be participating, including from Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, Singapore and the USA.

► Music hub conference

PLANS to ensure every child and young person in Kent has the chance to fulfil their musical potential will be unveiled at a conference on Thursday, June 21. Delegates at the event at New Line Learning Academy, Maidstone, will learn more about Soundhub, a new partnership of organisations which will deliver a wide range of music programmes. The partnership, led by Kent Music, will see Soundhub receive £4.5m from September, 2012, to March, 2015 from the Government. Those wishing to attend should email Denise Milne on dmilne@kent-music.com.

CELEBRITY

Bee Gees star made secret visit to Dickens' home before his death

JUST days before being rushed back to hospital for treatment on the cancer that would ultimately kill him, Bee Gees star Robin Gibb made a hush-hush visit to Rochester to pay homage to one of his literary heroes.

The superstar, who died this week aged 62, made a special visit to Gad's Hill Place in Higham at the end of March.

A life-long fan of Charles Dickens, he was given a tour of Gad's Hill independent School, which currently occupies the house Dickens lived, worked and died in.

Work is currently under way to move the school out of the former home and transform it into a heritage centre.

A spokesman at the school said: "Mr Gibb recently came with his family for a private guided tour with Lucinda Dickens Hawksley, author and great, great, great granddaughter of Charles Dickens, and also headmaster David Craggs.

"Mr Gibb was fascinated by Charles Dickens' study which is still largely as the author left it, and was particularly interested by the study door which features a mock bookshelf that when closed is indistinguishable from the bookshelves that line the walls.

"The tour culminated with traditional English afternoon tea in the conservatory, which Charles Dickens was particularly proud of."

Speaking on learning of the star's passing, headmaster Mr Craggs said: "He was a very enthusiastic fan of Dickens, very knowledgeable and was genuinely pleased to have the opportunity to visit the great man's home."



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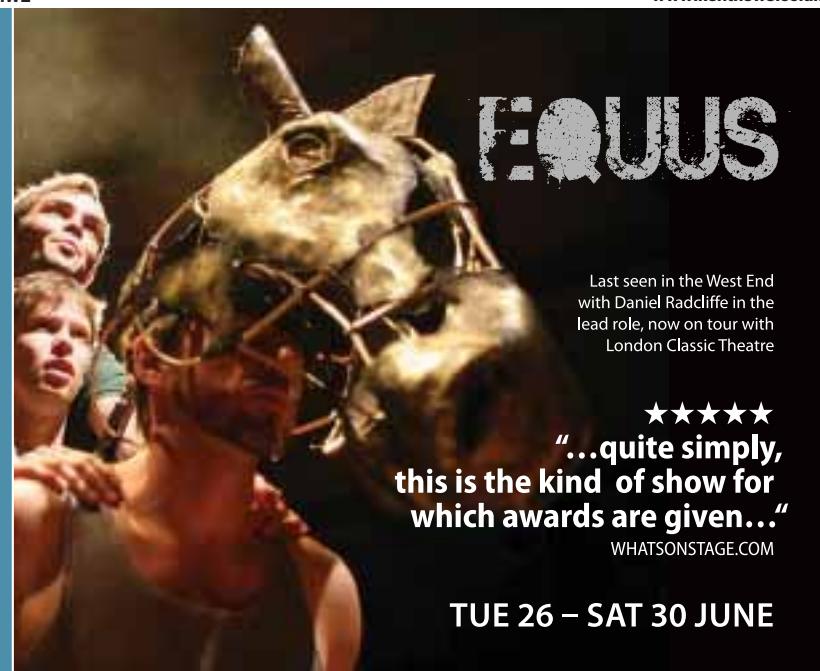
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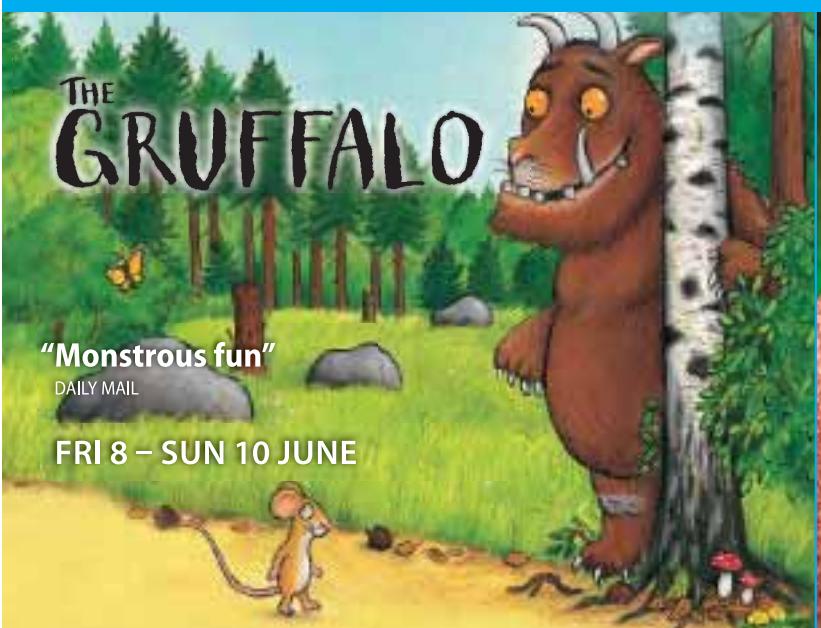
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BANKER POINTS TO COST AND SAFETY ISSUES

A LEADING banker has become the latest expert to throw doubt on the controversial airport proposals.

At a meeting of the Institution of Civil Engineers, Mike Redican, a banker at Deutsche Bank, said risk surrounding funding, cost and safety, and the dislocation of the west London economy were his reasons not to support the airport.

"When I look at the cost of Terminal 5 at Heathrow - £4.2bn - it last year handled 26.3m passengers," he said.

"The cost of the third runway at Heathrow, plus Terminal 6 is estimated at £6bn. Here we are going to have a major development in the Thames Estuary, with four new runways, with two giant terminals capable of having 150 million passengers per annum, that is only going to cost £20bn - I'm



Picture: PAUL JERRATT

SAY NO: Campaigners are determined to protect the estuary area

struggling a little with that.

"That is just the airport. We also have an estimated £30bn of other costs to make this

airport work. I'm asking myself: are these costs realistic? If they are, who funds them? Is it government? Is it the airlines?"



He warned that passing costs onto airlines would not be popular.

"Landing fees at Heathrow are approximately £15 per passenger. If you put all these [estuary airport] costs together, we are looking at £60-70 per passenger."

Focusing on employment, he stressed: "I think there will be a real issue in finding people in the Thames Estuary who will be suitably trained and equipped."

He concluded: "In a nutshell, risk around funding, cost, safety problems in my view and dislocation of a large part of the economy of the west part of London are reasons for me not to support this airport."

ESTUARY AIRPORT

'Get the best deal from airport'

By Marijke Cox

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AS OPPOSITION grows towards proposals for a multi-billion pound airport in the Thames Estuary, one group insists giving it the go-ahead could provide the area with an economic shot in the arm.

Demand Regeneration in North Kent (DRINK), has called on politicians to pull their heads out of the sand or risk regretting it forever.

Campaign director Clive Lawrence stressed the group was neither for nor against the proposals, but that Kent needed to prepare for what could potentially happen.

"We're about regeneration; this isn't about supporting the airport or not," he said. "We don't know whether the airport would be the worst thing or the best. We don't know and we've got to find out."

"The key, fundamental thing is we need regeneration.

"Statistics show pockets of

real deprivation in areas of north Kent. We're saying we need all the help we can get, so why not examine the idea?

"There's no use politicians sitting in a corner, fingers in ears, eyes squeezed shut, chanting 'no'. If this is given the green light - and I think it will - politicians need to be prepared, otherwise we're going to get the rough end of the stick.

"If this airport is put here it will be here forever so shouldn't we try and get the best deal?

"This would be the world's biggest airport; we would be able to negotiate where the roads would go and argue the case for putting parts in tunnels. The core thing is about being prepared."

Mr Lawrence said there were four options for an airport: Boris Johnson's hub in the estuary; architect Lord Norman Foster's Isle of Grain plan; a smaller airport at Cliffe on the Hoo peninsula; and a plan by an independent group led by ex-Cathay Pacific executive John Olsen.

Mr Lawrence said: "I think one of them is going to happen.

"People keep talking about using Manston, but Manston is a bus stop in comparison."

Aviation experts have poured doubt on the plans and even Britain's air control service NATS called it the "worst spot" to locate an airport.

Leading airlines have also voiced concerns including head of BA Willie Walsh, and Kent's politicians have called the idea "pie in the sky".

Two weeks ago, this newspaper came out against the proposals, joining the ranks of those who fear for the future of the marsh. One of the major arguments is the devastating environmental impact.

Some 300,000 migratory birds fly between Siberia and West Africa passing through the estuary, and fears have been raised over bird strike.

Mr Lawrence said: "There is a place called Wallasea Island in Essex. The RSPB built it [with mud from the Crossrail development]. So how do they tell the birds to go there? The birds aren't stupid, they adapt.

"If you look at Lord Foster's plan, if they take one square of the marshland, under EU conservation law, they have to find another one three times the size elsewhere to replace it.

"For birds, Wallasea Island will be like a four-star hotel and north Kent marshes an avian doss house."

■ See Opinion on p34, and our airport campaign letters special on p36.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

→ Holmes' show date

DOUBLE Olympic gold winner, Dame Kelly Holmes, from Hildenborough, will be guest of honour at the Heathfield and District Agricultural Show on Saturday, May 26.

Family entertainment on offer includes the Mega Minis display team, Adam's Axemen, and the livestock competitions.

There will also be a horse show, and Countryways area is devoted to traditional country pursuits. The show runs from 8am-5pm.

→ Giving thanks for Queen

CIVIC leaders including the Lord Lieutenant of Kent, Viscount De L'Isle, will attend a service at Canterbury Cathedral on Sunday, May 27, at 11am, to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and give thanks for her long reign.

Other people attending the service will include the High Sheriff of Kent, Michael Bax.

Church officials say members of the public are welcome to join in the civic celebrations in the cathedral.

→ Fuel poverty warning

FAMILIES are still battling to keep down the cost of energy bills despite a drop in the number of homes in fuel poverty, said Kent Lib Dem MEP Catherine Bearder.

The number of UK households in fuel poverty fell from 5.5 million households in 2009 to 4.75 million in 2010. Ms Bearder said: "We should not be complacent. We should work hard towards eliminating fuel poverty in Kent."

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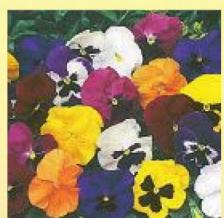
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HEALTH

Rabies victim fighting for her life after A&E sent her away – twice

By Chris Murphy
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A HOSPITAL investigating how staff twice missed an extremely rare case of rabies, says it happened because the patient had "vague" symptoms of a disease that is almost unheard of in Britain.

And it laid partial blame with the grandmother for not telling them she had been to a risky part of the world for unusual diseases, or that she had been bitten by a dog.

Medics at Darent Valley Hospital, near Dartford, twice sent a woman home after she arrived at its accident and emergency department.

Now she is fighting for her life in a London hospital, and some reports say she is unlikely to survive.

The woman, in her 50s and of Indian descent, did not get a rabies jab before a holiday in India with her husband nine

weeks ago to see family and friends. While there, she was apparently bitten by a puppy.

India suffers high levels of rabies, largely thanks to its many packs of stray dogs.

The un-named victim also failed to get an anti-rabies jab on her return to the UK. It's believed she comes from south east London or north east Kent.

Around 20 people she has come in to contact with have been vaccinated against rabies to prevent its possible, albeit unlikely, spread.

The hospital told KoS: "The UK is rabies free. If a patient does present at hospital with vague symptoms, a doctor is unlikely to consider rabies as a diagnosis unless the patient highlights wild animal contact in an at-risk country.

"The hospital responded to the information supplied by the patient at the time.

"Although there are no cases of rabies being passed through

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It is important to stress that there is no risk to the general public as a result of this case or to patients and visitors at the hospital

DR BRIAN MCCLOSKEY, HPA

human-to-human contact, the five members of staff that came into close contact with the patient are being vaccinated as a precautionary measure.

"We have launched an investigation into the circumstances around this lady's at-

tendance at the emergency department and we are working closely with the Health Protection Agency.

"It is of paramount importance that patients disclose information about travel abroad when attending hospital."

A source said it would be unlikely patients displaying vague signs of any illness would be routinely asked if they had travelled to destinations risky to health like India, as the area served by the hospital has a high population of people from the subcontinent.

Health Protection Agency director Dr Brian McCloskey said: "It is important to stress that there is no risk to the general public as a result of this case or to patients and visitors at the hospital where the patient is receiving treatment.

"However, to take every possible precaution, family members and healthcare staff who had close contact with

the patient since she became unwell – which is when they are infectious – have been assessed and offered vaccination if appropriate."

Rabies affects the central nervous system and initial symptoms can include anxiety, headaches and fever. As it takes hold, there are spasms of the swallowing muscles making it difficult or impossible for patients to drink, known as hydrophobia, and finally respiratory failure sets in, often causing death.

The grandmother in this case was suffering from sickness and is understood to have gone to her GP, then two days later went to Darent Valley and even returned the following day. But each time was sent home.

The woman then became seriously ill, a return trip to her GP saw the medic send her for tests at Queen Elizabeth Hospital in Woolwich, which confirmed rabies.



INFECTED: The woman caught rabies after suffering a dog bite

From there, she was moved urgently to London's Hospital for Tropical Diseases, where she is reported to be fighting for her life in an isolation unit.

Rabies expert Professor David Brown said: "Rabies is an acute viral infection which is extremely rare in the United Kingdom; only four cases of human rabies acquired from dogs have been identified since 2000, all of which were acquired from dogs abroad."

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BEAUTY CONTEST

Brady Bunch home prepares eco-queen Chloe for battle to win Miss England crown

By Chris Murphy
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MISS England hopeful Chloe Othen said she comes from a real-life Brady Bunch family – she's the eldest of eight children and often has to 'play mum' to the little ones.

But she is still determined to use her Kentish charms to claim victory in the coming semi-finals in her bid to eventually wear the Miss England crown.

Chloe, 21, is already well placed to understand the modelling industry – she is a booker for a top agency.

She said: "There is never a dull moment in our house, it is always packed full of people and is always bustling. Although it can be crazy at times, I absolutely love it and wouldn't have it any other way."

"We are like the Brady Bunch of Barming, Maidstone. Being the eldest I have to help look after my younger brothers and sisters and it has meant sometimes I have to play the parent too, especially with the youngest."

"The most surprising thing is that we do actually all get along pretty well and there are rarely any major rows, just a bit of bickering here and there."



HOPEFUL: Miss Kent Eco Chloe Othen is due to compete in the semi-finals of the Miss England competition this week

"Being part of a big family has encouraged me to be independent, because if you want something in my household you often have to fight hard to get it."

Chloe said the whole family

lives together, including her parents, grandparents and even great-grandparents, making up four generations in one household.

She said: "Winning Miss England would be important to me as it would give me a chance to be an ambassador for my country and be a good role model not only for young women but for the youth of today."

"I have raised hundreds of pounds for charity within the past two years; which I find fulfilling and humbling."

It is no easy route to the finals of Miss England.

Chloe qualified after winning the Miss Kent Eco prize, and takes to the stage at Champneys in Leicester on Wednesday, May 30, to fight off 55 other semi-finalists over four rounds.

Just 14 from the group will make the Miss England final.

The rounds involve fitness, interview, eco outfit, and evening-wear.

The final runs over four days, with the first two involving a boot camp competing in fitness events. Then come interviews and the more traditional pageant rounds.

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THE BROOD:
From left: Jessica, 19; Miss England hopeful Chloe, 21; Ben, 18; mum Carol-Ann; step-dad Keith; Luke, eight; Oliver, six; William, 17; Gemma, 20; and Natalie, 21

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CRIME

Teens warned of fatal fire dangers as arson attacks blight woodland

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MORE than 65 fires have been reported in Dartford Heath over the last year – with 75 per cent of them believed to have been started deliberately.

Although the number has been reduced by 20 per cent in the year to September 2011, compared to last year, Kent Fire and Rescue are still concerned by the amount of suspected arson.

The service are now hoping to get the message “arson is a crime, not harmless fun” out to the public in the hope of reducing further fires by working with junior football team Heath Rangers.

The area, which has had 69 fires reported during the last year, is home to wildlife in its semi-natural woodland, which easily catches fire.

Dartford crew manager Bob Chilmaid aid: “Countryside fires are dangerous because they’re unpredictable. They spread through undergrowth very quickly and change direction without warning. They put lives at risk, threatening wildlife and devastating areas of beauty.”

The figures in Dartford Heath are at a five-year low, but the fire service are worried further cases of arson will endanger people’s lives and are calling for residents to stay alert.

Mr Chilmaid added: “Arson also puts our firefighters in unnecessary danger and ties up resources that could be needed for a real emergency – a crashed car or someone trapped in a house fire.”

Kent Fire and Rescue are holding four sessions in Dartford Heath to give fire safety tips, while warning youngsters of the dangers and criminal repercussions of playing with fire.

HEALTH

Illegal tattooist alert

BODY art fans are being warned about the dangers of illegal tattoo artists after an unlawful home business was discovered.

A woman was cautioned by Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council after she was found to be running the parlour without a licence.

The local authority is advising those getting a tattoo to first check the artist is registered by contacting the Environmental Health department at the town hall.

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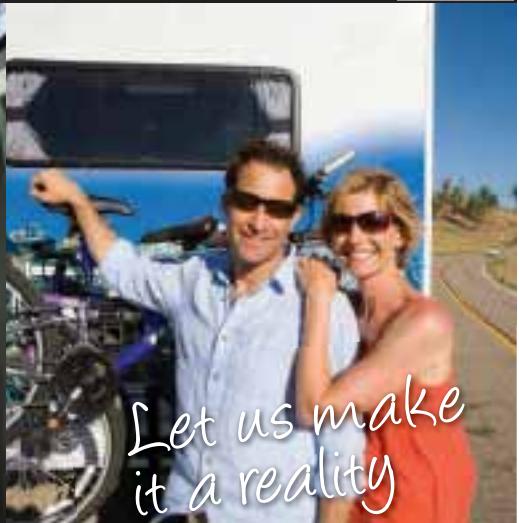
MP's Kate baby query

THE PROSPECT of the “pitter patter of tiny royal feet” was raised in the House of Commons by Maidstone and Weald MP Helen Grant.

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HERITAGE

Rare letters from head of forgotten religious sect found in eBay bargain

By Chrissie Daniels

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WHEN Gill Welsh bought an old stationery box for £69 on eBay, she never expected to discover documents from a religious sect concealed in the bottom drawer.

Yet the material would shed fascinating light on an organisation based in Gillingham more than 120 years ago.

After some research, the couple, from Mountsorrel, in Leicestershire, found the letters were linked to the New and Latter House of Israel, a religious group created by James Roland White, later known as James Jershom Jezreel.

Jezreel designed and built the headquarters for the sect in 1885 – Jezreel's Tower in Watling Street, Gillingham. The tower was never fully completed, but stood on the top of the hill until it was demolished in 1961.

It was to have been a lasting monument to a group that believed in a prophet who proclaimed she would one day mother the Second Coming and made a series of prophecies she insisted were only to be revealed at a time of "national crisis".

The documents discovered in the box included a letter from Jezreel to a Charles Lane as well as a religious song and several letters from an Ann Rogers to her granddaughter Hilda Lane accepting her into the sect.

Ann Rogers is believed to be the aunt of Jezreel's wife Clarissa. Charles Lane's inoculation certificate was also enclosed and a letter from a cemetery granting Hilda Lane a plot.

Mrs Welsh said: "We opened up the box and found the documents – my husband was hoping it could be worth millions."

Mrs Welsh has been researching the sect online and along with her husband and two children aged 18 and 24, has become fascinated by the story.

She said: "I was intrigued. It's something a bit different. The documents aren't in too bad condition considering they are written on very delicate paper and have been shoved in a drawer."

Before creating the sect Jezreel, who was born around 1851, enlisted in the British Army under his birth name James White and joined the 16th Regiment of Foot based in Chatham.

White joined the Southcottian Christian Israelites in Chatham – based on the teachings of Joanna Southcott who claimed she was a prophet.

White then went on to take over the church and adopted the name Jezreel.

Jezreel persuaded followers he was the messenger of the Lord and collected their money and profits from the businesses he owned in Chatham and Gillingham to fund building the tower.

He chose the site on the top of Chatham Hill after claiming he received a revelation from God.

The headquarters were to include a basement,

printing presses to produce religious literature, and an assembly room. It was also going to provide new accommodation for Israel's International College, a school Jezreel had set up near his home in Woodlands Road, Gillingham.

The plans were set to cost £25,000.

Work began on the tower in 1885, but Jezreel became ill and died. His wife Clarissa, also known as Esther, took over the running of the sect.

Jezreel was buried in an unmarked grave in Grange Road Cemetery in Gillingham.

In 1888, Mrs Jezreel died of peritonitis, an inflammation in the abdomen, at the age of 28 and was buried alongside her husband. A lack of funds meant the construction of the tower fell behind and eventually stopped that year.

The remaining buildings associated with Jezreel's Tower at the top of Canterbury Street, Gillingham, were demolished in late 2008.

Alison Cable, from Medway Archives, said they already own records of Hilda Lane from when she died in 2008.

She said: "It is certainly interesting. I would not be surprised if more material was discovered."

"We have had quite a lot of interest in Jezreel's Tower from America. We have had enquiries from the North East wanting copies of the letters."

"There is something mystical about the buildings and the letters are of great interest to academics."

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CHELSEA FLOWER SHOW

Garden designers make themselves at home

From caravanning to water features, **Chris Murphy** reports on the green-fingered talents from the Garden of England who are displaying their skills at the Chelsea Flower Show

THE summer sun arrived in time for the RHS Chelsea Flower Show, and the Kent gardens at the annual event have been drawing the crowds.

Of the 30 or so gardens at the show, there are four from Kent exhibitors. These include the Celebration of Caravanning by Jo Thompson, which has won a silver-gilt flora award.

And the centrepiece could not be further away from being a flower. As you might expect from the title, it's actually a caravan salvaged from sure disaster by Ms Thompson who had it restored and placed at the heart of her garden design.

The Caravan Club sponsored the garden, which has attracted hoards of curious visitors.

The 1950s silver classic has been named Doris and is designed to show how a caravan can be part of a garden as a summerhouse or playhouse, as well as a great way to holiday.

Ms Thompson, from Marden, said surrounding it is a palette of pink and cream planting including salvias and irises, as well as Wealden sandstone paths and timber walkways over running water that will convey the delights of a touring holiday at home.

Blousy roses of early summer and masses of cow parsley will nostalgically evoke country lanes and classic English country gardens.

Also attracting the crowds is John Warland's World Vision Garden. The Tonbridge designer said his inspiration for the constant ripple pool at the centre represents the constant work done by the charity to help



GORGEIOUS GARDENS: From left: Celebration of Caravanning features 1950s caravan Doris; the Queen visits the show; inset, Tom Hart Dyke has been filming the event for the BBC. Below: The constant ripple of the charity World Vision Garden and Dartford plants in the Global Stone garden's creation called Petra – Tranquillity Set in Stone

children around the world.

The Global Stone garden is by Benjamin Wincott and he sourced all its plants from Dartford. Called Petra – Tranquillity Set in Stone, it is inspired by Capability Brown, with a 21st-century twist.

Mr Wincott said it is designed as a garden in its most natural form, and re-creates woodland, coppice and wildflower meadow environments.

Brookfield Plants, from Ashford shows off its hostas in the Great Pavilion, including new and British raised varieties.

Utilising materials collected from the owner's garden nursery and the surrounding area, they have created an ecologically sustainable display made

up of plants and materials that are either freely available or can be grown without any special conditions.

Paul Harris said he hopes it will inspire visitors to recreate similar displays in their gardens at home.

Award-winning garden designer and broadcaster Andy Sturgeon has created a garden inspired by Arts and Crafts houses, including Sissinghurst Castle, and William Morris' Red House in Bexleyheath.

And Tom Hart Dyke, creator of the World Garden at Lullingstone Castle, near Sevenoaks, has been filming at the show for the BBC.

He said: "It has been simply awesome filming in the Great Pavilion. What an atmosphere. The world of plants has come to Chelsea. The huge array of plants really excites me."

■ Two Kent gardeners could be taking a piece of the Garden of England to RHS Hampton Court Palace Flower Show after winning a design award.

Garden designer Alison Coxhead, 37, from Charlham, and landscaper Ian Day, 45, from St Nicholas-at-Wade, teamed up when Alison won the Jacksons Fencing Garden Design competition 2012 to create show gardens at the company's site in Stowting, near Ashford. Winning the competition has inspired the pair to compete at Hampton Court Palace Flower Show. They have some sponsorship, but are looking for further support so they can compete.



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CRIME

Kent Police admit they kept human body part by mistake

By Chris Murphy

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KENT Police have admitted they have kept a human body part – stored as part of an investigation – by mistake.

Kent is well down a list of police forces in the UK for retaining body parts, but it admits it retained one in error and is now discussing the issue with the family concerned.

A report from the Association of Chief Police Officers (ACPO) found forces around the country had almost 500 body parts in storage.

Northern Ireland police have the most at 71, with London's Met second on 39, and Merseyside with 37.

Out of the 47 police forces and organisations, Kent comes equal 25th with Lincolnshire for retaining three items of 'Category 3 material' which is defined as "samples of human tissue that incorporate a significant part of the body (eg, organs, limbs, etc)".

These parts are generally

kept following a crime or suspicious death and are available for re-examination by any legitimate parties involved with an inquiry.

The ACPO report makes 10 recommendations to police forces such as having officers run a debrief at the end of each inquiry to decide what to do with the tissue, and forces should periodically review tissue retention to ensure none is kept unnecessarily.

Assistant Chief Constable Gary Beabridge, head of the Kent and Essex Serious Crime Directorate, said: "In accordance with the Criminal Procedures and Investigations Act (1996), there is a requirement for evidence to be retained until criminal proceedings are complete. This can lead to the retention of evidence for significant timescales.

"During the audit we did all we could to establish the complete picture by conducting an extensive review including hospitals, mortuaries, forensic service providers and

police laboratories.

"The audit concluded Kent Police had three. One was retained for the purposes of a criminal examination and is now no longer being retained.

"A second sample is also retained for an ongoing criminal investigation of which the family of the deceased is aware.

"The third and final sample was retained in error and is the subject of on-going enquiries with the family.

"Foremost in our minds was meeting the needs of any affected families and friends of those deceased persons whose human tissue was identified during the course of the audit.

"Our aim was to be completely open with any families. We have supported the families throughout the process.

"As a result of the audit, work to update policy to provide advice to police officers regarding legal, ethical and moral issues concerning the retention and disposal of human tissue following suspicious death cases is ongoing."

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OLYMPICS

School pupils to form guard of honour for 2012 athletes

By Chris Murphy

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CHILDREN from 10 Kent schools have been chosen to help form a guard of honour for athletes arriving at the Olympic Games opening ceremony.

Students will be lining the route as athletes make their way through the Olympic Park into the Olympic Stadium.

They will join pupils from 249 schools to make a total of 2,000 youngsters who will be at the start of the Athletes' Parade.

Adding some extra colour and spectacle, the schoolchildren will be holding lanterns and banners they have created to support one of the 204 competing teams.

The children were selected through a reward and recognition programme of the Get Set network, which is the official London 2012 education programme.

Get Set provides free learning resources for three to 19-year-olds to find out more about the Games and explore the Olympic values of excellence, friendship and respect, and the Paralympic values of determination, inspira-



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tion, courage and equality. The students had to demonstrate a commitment to living the Olympic and Paralympic values and incorporating them into their school lives and curriculum.

All the children taking part will also get a tour of the Olympic Park before they are seen around the world when film director Danny Boyle's opening ceremony gets under way, attracting a global audience of billions.

The Athletes' Parade sees the teams enter the stadium in alphabetical order, apart from the Greek team which enters first, and the team of the host nation which enters last.

Those taking part from Kent are Meopham School; Knockhall Community Primary, Greenhithe; Valence School, Westerham; St John's RC Comprehensive School, Gravesend; The Hayesbrook School, Tonbridge; Lenham Primary School, Lenham; Highworth Grammar School, Ashford; Bennett Memorial Diocesan School, Tunbridge Wells; Chaucer Technology School, Canterbury; and Brompton Academy, Gillingham.

David Burren assistant headteacher at Hayesbrook said "We are representing Mali and our children are delighted to be going along."

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CHARITY

Fundraising five-a-side team aiming for world record goal

By Chris Murphy

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A FOOTBALL club is waiting for confirmation it has shattered the world record for the number of players in a single exhibition five-a-side match, which lasted 25 hours.

Petts Wood FC think they have taken the record with 669 different players, beating the previous record held by a French team with 441 players. The record was broken at 11.15pm on Saturday, May 19, just over half way into the match.

The attempt was part of the Feels Like Team Spirit campaign to support one of their young players Harry King, who has been diagnosed with a rare form of Leukaemia.

Play began at 9am, with Orpington MP Jo Johnson literally kicking the event off with Harry, who bravely attended despite still undergoing intensive treatment at the Royal Marsden Hospital.

The age of players spanned from under 7s to veterans, in-

Picture: HYMONEY



cluding both men and women, who all joined in to raise money after the under-15 player became unwell during a training session.

He now has to endure a three-year course of treatment, some of which is likely to take place in Germany.

Chairman Andy Graves said: "We were devastated to learn about this young lad's illness and the club felt it was important to show our support for him and his family.

"This is what football at any level does best – it unites and that's what the Feels Like Team Spirit campaign is about."

Deputy chairman Meryl

Clarke said: "The match was between Petts Wood and South London Nomads, with teams substituting players after a minimum of 10 minutes, but some played for much longer.

"We managed to get through 669 players in the end, easily beating the previous record. The score was 115 to us and 103 to the Nomads.

"It was an amazing event." The Guinness World Records office said: "We have received a claim from Petts Wood Football Club. The record management team is now waiting to receive the evidence in order to be able to confirm that this is a new Guinness World Record."

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AWARDS

Ajay wins top pet award for his dogged devotion to family

By Chris Murphy

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SOMETIMES, when families battle extreme adversity, their best friend really is their pet pooch.

And Ajay is just such an animal. When the Brown-Griffin family's troubles started, Ajay was their loyal companion, and to prove it, he has just been crowned one of Britain's top dogs.

The Dogs Trust has just revealed its annual canine champions at a star-studded event where the UK's most heroic canines rubbed paws with dog-loving celebrities at the 2012 Dogs Trust Honours.

Golden retriever Ajay lives with his family in Tunbridge Wells. It was his astonishingly unyielding loyalty to the family that moved the judges to award him the Dogged Devotion crown.

Ajay has been a constant source of companionship and support to the family through some tough times.

He originally moved in as Tony Brown-Griffin's seizure alert dog – he would warn her before she suffered an epileptic fit so she could take appropriate steps.

Soon after Ajay joined the family, Tony dis-

covered she was expecting a child with a potentially fatal heart condition.

Ajay was not only present during the birth, but stayed in hospital with the family, even sleeping by newborn Mimi's cot during the little girl's heart reconstruction surgery.

But Ajay's tale of amazing deeds continued. After the birth, Tony suffered catastrophic bleeds in her eyes and was registered blind.

Ajay quickly became her guide dog too, and without any special training, still fulfilling his previous role as an epileptic alert dog.

Tony said: "Ajay is so much more than a pet to us. He is a beloved member of our family and has been invaluable in terms of the support he has offered us through very difficult times: Mimi adores him and wouldn't be with out him."

"Ajay has adjusted to everything we have been through and constantly works hard to offer me and the rest of the family help and comfort, which is why he is so deserving of this award."

In all, six winners were presented with their awards by celebrity dogs lovers including John Barrowman, talkshow host Matthew Wright, Made in Chelsea star Funda Onal, Abi Titmuss, and Holby City star Rosie Marcel.



STAR TURN: Ajay on stage with Tony

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News

EMERGENCY

Air ambulance's life-saving efforts captured in TV show

By Chris Murphy

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THE work of Kent's air ambulance crews has been featured on a dramatic real-life television series.

Channel 4's 24 Hours in A&E will next week highlight the case of a Sittingbourne woman injured when her horse was spooked and she was thrown. The woman was crushed between the heavy animal and a fence.

And last week, the Kent crew was seen battling to save the life of Kevin, who fell from scaffolding in Meopham.

In the first episode of the series, Kevin, 40, was helping a friend in January when he fell about 8ft from scaffolding and suffered serious head, chest and spinal injuries.

Dr Dan Roberts and critical care paramedic Chris Fudge anaesthetised him and astonishingly carried out chest surgery at the scene – a procedure usually performed in hospital.

The father-of-four was flown



SAVED: Kevin was picked up by the Kent Air Ambulance after he fell from scaffolding



be sitting here now. It's just unbelievable really. They had to do major surgery to relieve the pressure on my brain so I'm incredibly lucky."

His wife Carol said she was initially told he'd broken his collarbone, but thought it odd he'd been taken to King's.

She said: "When we got there it was a different story. We were asking 'will he live or won't he live?' They said he was very poorly and may not make it.

"I was left crying all the way home. He was in a coma for a week and a half. We didn't know if he would be able to walk or talk. The brain is so complex, we just didn't know."

The show is on every Wednesday at 9pm.

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Local jobs, for local people!

Bishop of Rochester Academy's new Principal pledges twenty new jobs for local people

The Bishop of Rochester Academy's new Principal, Colin Boxall (pictured), announced that there will be twenty new jobs at the Academy for local people.

"Local jobs, for local people," said Colin Boxall.

"The Bishop of Rochester Academy is a community secondary school, and one of the ways we intend to demonstrate that the Academy is at the heart of the local community is by employing people from the local community." he said.

Mr Boxall made the pledge of twenty new jobs for local people at a recent meeting with parents of students due to start at the

Academy in September this year. Mr Boxall joined the the Bishop of Rochester Academy full time as the new Principal only five weeks ago, after working at Academy, in Chatham, part-time since January.

The Bishop of Rochester Academy has already recruited a number of Exam Invigilators for the summer exam season each year, and will also be offering permanent posts suited to local people - such as Mid-day Assistants, required from September. Other new jobs may include people to help run new after-school classes and activities on a range of arts, crafts, technology and sports during the school holidays, plus Fitness Trainers, Games Co-ordinators,

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New Academy building

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Bishop of Rochester Academy

Local jobs, for local people 20 NEW jobs at the Academy by September 2012

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The Bishop of Rochester Academy is a Church of England school where everyone works and learns within its caring and supportive Christian ethos.

For more information, contact the Bishop of Rochester Academy, Magpie Hall Road, Chatham ME4 5JB.

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The Bishop of Rochester Academy - At the Heart of the Local Community



Determined to Excel

The Academy will be recruiting a number of Mid-Day Assistants to work at both Campuses - East Campus: Magpie Hall Road; and West Campus: Letchworth Avenue, starting September.

The role of Mid-Day Assistant is to ensure the safety, welfare and good conduct of students during the Mid-day break.

This involves supervising students in the dining areas and surrounding corridors, and the outdoor area and playing fields, to ensure good standards of behaviour by students are maintained.

These are permanent positions, and more information and Application Forms can be obtained via the website: www.boracademy.org or by contacting the Academy on: 01634 845196. Interviews will be conducted during the Summer Term.

Mr Boxall plans a number of new initiatives at the Academy over the coming weeks and months, for the benefit of Academy students which involve the local community.

Anyone living in the Medway area with any specialist skills to offer - in sports, the arts, crafts, music, technology, etc. - should contact the Bishop of Rochester Academy on: 01634 845196 or visit the Academy's website for more information: www.boracademy.org.

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The Bishop of Rochester Academy is a Church of England school where everyone works and learns within its caring and supportive Christian ethos.

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COMPETITION

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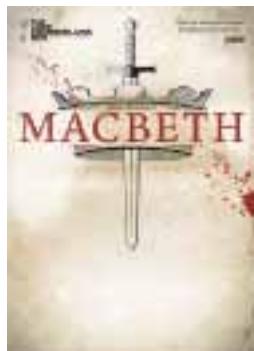
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SAFETY

Drug smuggling ring's 'gift' welcomed by rescue charity

By Chris Murphy

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TWO inflatable boats seized by police during a crackdown on an international drug smuggling operation in the English Channel, will be used for a rather better purpose after being donated to a local Kent Search and Rescue team (KSAR).

The motorboats were grabbed under the Proceeds of Crime Act, but instead of selling them at auction, they were handed over to the rescue team for use on the River Medway.

KSAR said it trains and deploys teams to help find missing people across Kent when they are called in the local authorities and police.

Paul Lewis, the KSAR training officer, said: "You could say these two boats have a colourful past. From what we heard, one of them was seized on the English Channel and was used for international drug smuggling.

"It gives us a nice feeling to know they will now benefit the local community."

KSAR is a charity and all members are volunteers. The current economic climate has made fundraising a challenge, so the pair of donated boats has been especially well received.

They will be kept at Medway Wharf Marina in Wateringbury, near Maidstone, where they are allowed to be stored free of charge. It provides immediate access to the River Medway.

Sally Park, from Medway Wharf Marina, said: "KSAR provide a great service to the people of

DONATED: The motorboats were seized by police

Kent. Allowing them to have the boat here means faster deployment onto the Medway river when the need arises, so we are extremely pleased to be able to support them."

Portguide Ltd Marine, based at the Medway Wharf Marina, has serviced the engines and repaired punctures at cost, making the boats ready for their new life.

Mr Lewis added: "These two boats are a big deal for us. So far this year, we have averaged more than one call-out per week year."

"It is essential we constantly review and adapt our search techniques to always provide the best possible assistance."

"We felt it was time to bring motorboats in our arsenal. But without this donation and without the incredible generosity of Medway Wharf Marina and Portguide Ltd Marine, we would still probably be several years away from being able to do so."

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OPINION

Airport solution already here

As the debate rages over whether or not a Thames Estuary airport should be built, Kent MEP and leader of Ukip **Nigel Farage** argues that Manston in Thanet could provide a much cheaper and quicker alternative

IT was back in 2003, that a government White Paper on the Future of Air Transport stated Manston Airport in Thanet could play a valuable role in meeting local demand and its development would contribute to the local regional economy.

We must have an increase in air transport capacity in the South East.

Heathrow is not the busiest airport in the world because of the number of people making visits to the UK, but because it's a global hub, making London and the South East attractive to businesses and providing jobs and income from the associated industries including the huge freight business generated by the success of the airport.

'Boris Island', as the planned Thames Estuary airport has been named, is simply insane.

It is in the middle of nowhere with inadequate infrastructure and as well as taking decades to build it would be damaging to the environment, particularly the wintering bird populations.

It is also inordinately expensive, dwarfing the estimated costs of upgrading Manston and this is without dealing with the question of the shipwreck the SS Richard Montgomery.

Perhaps it's me being picky, but I wouldn't like to travel from an airport, let alone work there, which is in the vicinity of a deadly sunken ship from World War Two.

An investigation in 2004 concluded that a collision, an attack or even the shifting of the cargo of high explosives in the tide could cause detonation, resulting in a 16ft tidal wave, wiping out Southend and break-

ing every window in Sheerness.

A suggestion I have been putting forward is the idea of expanding Manston airport which already has an extremely long runway and importantly, the potential to expand without the need to knock-down residential areas.

Firstly, the flights take off and land next to the sea, which means there is less of a noise impact for local residents, a problem which has blighted Heathrow expansion.

And unlike Heathrow, there is only one large conurbation in the vicinity, meaning that work can start quickly.

This also means that the rail link to Margate, which is on High Speed 1 and is currently only one hour and two minutes by train into St Pancras, can be built immediately.

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This country simply does not have the money to throw at a project costing tens of billions of pounds which will take years to complete when we have an ideal solution in an area which is in need of an injection of economic growth.

The economy of Thanet is quite depressed and there is certainly the need of proper employment opportunities.

Jobs based around a solid economy such as an international airport and the business centres which will grow based on the increase in infrastructure and people, will be a much-needed boost to that part of Kent.

■ **Nigel Farage is a Kent MEP and the leader of Ukip. He lives in Westerham.**

KOS COMMENT

No light at the end of the Dartford Tunnel

IT'S an argument that's been dragging on for almost a decade now, but the more time that passes the more frustrated people get.

And it all centres on the hellish Dartford crossing. Not only did the last government go back on its promise that once construction costs were paid back tolls would be scrapped – this should've been done in 2004 – but to add insult to injury, the Coalition has now decided to bump up the cost of tolls.

And if that wasn't enough, the free-flowing toll system due to be introduced has been delayed until 2014. It's no wonder people are furious.

This unfair treatment has been going on for years but sadly there seems to be no light at the end of the tunnel.

Enjoy the sunshine

FINALLY, after weeks – although it feels like months – of rain, the Sun has made an appearance and it looks as though it's here to stay – well, for the weekend at least.

We know we're in drought and it's rain that we need, but don't we deserve a little Sun this summer?

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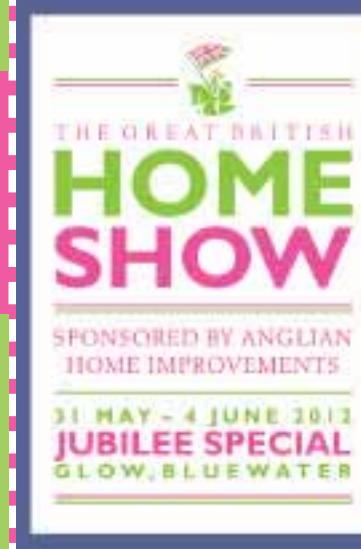
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Privatise and
save our cash

RE: Your local government story on May 20, 'Once bitten, twice shy as council steers clear of Spanish bank.'

Apart from investments to pay police, fire and education staff pensions, why is so much of our money stashed away by county councils and local councils?

These huge amounts being gambled with should be used for public services and not, as we suspect, for all the gold-plated pensions and pay-offs for the rest of council staff we continually read about.

All local government staff are no longer worth the huge money they get. And we can no longer afford to hand over such large amounts of money for so little in return.

It has all become a very expensive joke as far as councils are concerned.

Services are atrocious

across Britain and taxpayers are being ripped off.

So it is about time all local council staff and all county council staff across Britain, except for police, fire and education departments, were sacked and all the work from every department put out to private companies.

And the privatisation should be controlled in a better way than it has been with the rail and utility companies, which incidentally were privatised by orders of the EU at Brussels.

All that is needed, in my view, is good councillors, a handful of typists and possibly some people to liaise between the elected councillors and outside companies who put in tenders for council work.

The financial savings would be staggering.

No buildings to heat, light or maintain, no council motor vehicles to pay for, and most importantly no huge salaries, perks and pension bills for the taxpayer to keep paying more and more for, only to keep

getting less for their money while the council 'fat cats' just offer excuses and walk off with our hard-earned money.

Roger Arnold,
Herne Bay

Did we pay for
Carter error?

I WAS dismayed to read about the sum of £20,000 representing expenses for Paul Carter being paid to the wrong person, albeit sharing the same name.

Just two things...

Could Kent County Council explain what exactly these expenses to the already amply awarded Mr Carter were for?

This is a reasonable salary for many people living in Kent and faithfully paying their not inconsiderable council tax.

Having made the mistake, has the person accepted responsibility or is it the usual excuse of stress and a difficult childhood? Any sanction against him/her?

Or are we, the innocent

taxpayers, footing the bill for incompetence yet again?

Vesselina McCrory,
by email

Planning's too
easy for ABC

ASHFORD Borough Council has refused to engage with the overwhelming case the Keep Chilmington Green campaign has presented against the construction of a South Ashford New Town.

In fact, the local authority has constantly demonstrated extreme prejudice in the promotion of development at Chilmington Green.

The harassment of local residents by Ashford's political establishment has been appalling, and now ABC seems to wish to begin examination of the planning application for Chilmington Green before the public consultation on the Area Action Plan has been completed.

At a special cabinet meeting

of March 29, councillors were informed that false statistics had been engineered in order to justify the case for the development at Chilmington Green, yet they still decided to proceed with the publication of the APP and 'consult' the residents on the basis of a lie.

Now, without even allowing the public to respond to this flawed document, ABC is set to begin examination of the developer's planning application.

This is all being done in an attempt to reduce the time taken to approve the scheme.

It is extraordinary, but not surprising that ABC have also decided to exclude the largest development proposal in Ashford's history from the Core Strategy Review and proceed in haste with approving the scheme.

Surely it would only be right to delete the Chilmington Green proposal following a review of ABC's entirely outdated core strategy? This would prevent the council

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letters special on
the airport debate

from being sued by the developers as the land would cease to be designated for development.

But ABC appears to be subverting democracy and fudging the planning process in order to rush through this unnecessary and unwanted development.

I have never witnessed such underhanded conduct in local government.

Mick Carr, Kingsnorth

Government's
blind stupidity

EVERYDAY blind and partially sighted people face extra costs as a direct result of living with sight loss.

Disability Living Allowance (DLA) helps cover some of these expenses, so I am extremely concerned by the Government's plans to replace it, spending 20 per cent less on a new benefit – Personal Independence Payment (PIP).

The proposed test for PIP fails to recognise the challenges faced by people living with sight loss. This could leave thousands of people without support to do everyday the things sighted people take for granted.

This extra money could be paying for assistance with repairs or cleaning around the home, or food labelling systems to ensure they don't eat food which has gone off.

The Government said that PIP would be fair and support disabled people to remain independent, yet many blind and partially sighted people will be excluded.

I have asked my MP to write to the Government raising these concerns on my behalf, because the help blind and partially sighted people get from DLA is not a luxury, it means that they can live independently.

If you have concerns about PIP, or would like to find out more or contact your MP, help is available from RNIB at www.rnib.org.uk/pip.

Linda Brooks, Canterbury

Feedback

One strike and airport's out

I WOULD like to add my voice against any proposed airport anywhere in the Thames estuary.

This is also a reply to the email sent by Rob Weaver that appeared in the last edition.

Airports around the world spend hundreds of thousands of pounds every year keeping birds away from airfields using a variety of methods; from using live birds of prey to blasting out the sounds of birds of prey just to scare birds away.

The reason – birds of any size and aircraft do not mix.

I spent 13 years in the RAF, some of which were spent looking after jets on the flight line. I have seen first hand the damage caused to plane and pilot by bird strike.

How would Mr Weaver feel if the go-ahead was given, and shortly after the new airfield became operational, a passenger plane was brought down by a bird strike and killed everyone on board?

When airfields are built, one of the considerations is how many birds visit that area, so putting an airfield in the middle of one of the most important bird conservation areas in Europe would be madness.

I also cannot see why airfields like Manston or Lydd cannot be expanded. What about other airfields like North Weald just off the M11 and the other numerous airfields are struggling to stay open around the South East?

It seems to me planners are being purposely blinkered in their choices. That also goes for Boris Johnson.

I think the question should be asked, why are other choices being ignored?

The other point raised was the number of jobs that could be created for Medway. Well why not do what everyone does already – commute. Anybody who seriously wants work will travel to where the work is.

If people cannot be bothered to get off their backsides why should work be brought to them because even if work is on their doorsteps they still will not seek employment.

Malcolm Clark, Rochester

Another blight for the region

THE letter from RJ Church (May 20) claims that an estuary airport is needed because Chatham is "full" of young mothers and people of "every race, colour and creed", whom he calls "undesirables".

Medway has a great future



Campaign: Why airport proposal can't take off

By Chris Britcher

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THIS newspaper today comes out fighting to join the ranks of the thousands who oppose a plot to build a multi-billion pound airport in the Thames Estuary.

If the controversial proposals were to get the green light, we believe it could devastate the county we hold so dear.

With a public consultation due



to get under way within weeks, we urge our readers to oppose the plans which would ruin our north Kent coastline, destroy important areas

of wildlife, and transform parts of the county into a concrete jungle, blighted by heavy air traffic.

It may create jobs, but it will de-

stroy huge swathes of Kent forever.

We join the fight just as re-elected London Mayor Boris Johnson, who has championed the proposals, this week made a direct plea to Prime Minister David Cameron calling for an estuary airport to be built, declaring now was a "moment for greatness".

Mr Johnson wants to shift the blight suffered by those under Heathrow's flight path to our doorstep.

Kent's top brass, which includes

Chris Britcher, page 2

ONE VOICE: How this newspaper launched its backing for the campaigners trying to stop an airport being built in the Thames Estuary

ahead if it can embrace diversity, education and innovation.

It does not need the huge environmental degradation of a new airport. And it certainly does not need prejudice against the people of Chatham.

**Professor Alex Stevens
University of Kent**

Pros outweigh all these cons

I AM completely at a loss why those in secure jobs are so against the building of a new airport in the Thames.

Is it because it may disrupt their cosy way of life?

I am sure businesses, the unemployed and those who have invested in the Medway area would not agree.

It would bring immense prosperity to north Kent by moving some of the wealth from west London to the Thames Gateway – is that such a bad thing? It would also bring enormous employment opportunities to a relatively depressed area.

There is a surplus of new accommodation lying empty and plenty of brownfield space for further development, plus rents in the area are falling, not rising.

I appreciate as a lover of

nature and wildlife, there are potentially ecological issues, but there will always be this problem with any major development anywhere and Nimbys will always protest.

We are very lucky that so far an aircraft has not come down over central London.

Now that would be a major disaster.

W Murdoch, by email

Alternative is not in running

THE rights and wrongs of the proposed estuary airport should not be confused with the current situation at Manston Airport.

Quite simply, as a commercial passenger-carrying airport, Manston is in the wrong place.

Built as a military airport and expanded during the Cold War, it had by the mid 1960s already ceased to be of operational use to our defence forces. Its runway is not as stated (May 20, the longest in Europe), it's not even the longest in the UK, though one is forced to ask what difference would that make anyway?

The proposed development of a parkway station, financed by Kent taxpayers, will in no way help to change its geographical location.

Furthermore should such a station ever be built, a bus service will still be needed to ferry passengers from the station to the airport, as the railway line does not currently run near the airport.

Short of realigning the runway towards Pegwell Bay, Manston will remain hemmed in by the towns of Margate, Broadstairs and Ramsgate, the latter already encroaching on the end of the runway.

John Canicula, by email

So why should we suffer this?

I BELIEVE there should be just as much opposition to using Manston as an overspill, as there is to a new airport in the estuary.

So what if it has a long runway and (potentially) a quick rail link to London?

Not only would extra/night flights blight the lives of people living in Thanet and annihilate the local tourist trade, it would simply be the thin edge of the wedge; look at Heathrow 20 odd years ago, and then fast forward your imagination to say 2030. Not much difference is there?

Why is aviation blight in Kent inevitably regarded as 'either/or' anyway? Our

starting point should be 'no'.

Bill Stevens, Faversham

Thanet needs your help too

I WOULD like to presume that, as your publication is so vehemently backing the campaign against the proposed Thames Estuary airport, it is also by the same reasoning backing the No Night Flights campaign which is against the intensification of use of Manston airfield and the proposed night flying schedule.

It is plain to the residents of Thanet, who responded resoundingly against the proposal in the recent 'consultation', that Infratil's insistence on a night flying schedule will harm the health and well-being of local residents and also negatively effect the local economy in a number of ways, including tourism spend.

I believe jobs will be lost in the tourism sector and that this economy will effectively be killed off in the towns of Ramsgate, Herne Bay and the surrounding areas for the sake of only a few more minimum wage jobs at an airport that currently has extra capacity for cargo handling and plenty

of daytime slots it's not filling. Neither can Infratil assure us the new jobs created will go to local residents.

Allowing the development of Manston and its 24-hour use will blight our beautiful Kent coastline, dissuade people from visiting our blue flag beaches, and drive residents and potential investors from our towns.

I would like to see a proper study undertaken that looks into the full economic impact of such a decision, taking into account the devaluation of homes and subsequent downturn in the housing market and construction industry, work days and productivity lost due to lack of sleep, the added burden on the health service due to the increase in stress-related conditions (all well documented by the World Health Organisation), and the loss of tourism jobs and tourism spend. I have no doubt that allowing such a development will cost Thanet dearly in the long run.

Night flights and the intensification of use of Manston airfield would be a social and economic disaster for our region, and I trust you will support our stand against the enormous harm such unmitigated development will bring to Thanet, Herne Bay, and the surrounding area.

**Samantha Holmans
Thompson, by email**

Stop explosive situation now

I WRITE in support of the 'say no to the proposed Thames Estuary Airport' campaign.

The cost of building may be paid for by foreign backers, but what about the necessary infrastructure needed – new roads and rail services.

Presumably these would be down to the taxpayers in this country?

I am concerned about safety issues, mainly the wreck of the SS Richard Montgomery, still containing enough explosives to cause devastation to Shepway and the Isle of Grain, should it be disturbed. Also the Isle of Grain gas depot.

The disturbance to the surrounding countryside, especially wild bird life, the increased noise and pollution should be of great importance to us all.

If more airport space is really needed surely it would be more cost effective to increase the airports we already have in the south.

I earnestly hope the powers that be will listen to the people who already live in this area and reject these proposals.

**Sylvia New,
Sittingbourne**



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Edited by **Adam Aiken**

Left to pay cost of the taxman's shortcomings

QI PAY income tax through Pay As You Earn. In 2008, I reached 65 and began drawing my job pension and my state pension, and I carried on working two days a week. I have now received a bewildering series of forms, saying I owe the tax man £1,841 and he wants it immediately.

AWhen you pay tax through PAYE, how can it be possible to get so deeply into arrears? The answer is that in recent years HM Revenue & Customs has been so badly run that it has bordered on chaos. Some months ago, officials admitted they had overcharged six million taxpayers, and undercharged more than a million. One reason was that they had set up 12 computer centres around the country – and those computers did not compare notes with each other. Your job pension was handled by one computer, and your earnings by another, and they got their sums wrong. The taxman has refused to cancel your arrears, even though he is allowed to do so if he has made a serious mistake. He sees it as your responsibility – not his – to work out your tax deductions and correct his errors. In all likelihood you will have to pay the tax. But do complain to the Adjudicator's Office (0300 057 1111). She is the outside official who investigates complaints of maladministration by HMRC.

QMY WIFE and I are going through divorce proceedings and her solicitor has advised her to apply for something called a Mesher order, which means that she will get the house, which is free of any mortgage. I have been dealing with the divorce myself to keep costs down, and would be grateful if you could explain whether there are any drawbacks to this order, assuming we can agree on other matters such as my wife making no claim against my pension plan.

AFIRST of all, do see a solicitor. With a house and a pension plan at stake it is a false economy to try to do the legal work yourself. Do you have children that you have not mentioned, I wonder? You see, a Mesher order (named after a divorcing couple) is a court order that lets your wife stay in the marital home until a certain point in the future. Typically, this is the 18th birthday of the youngest child, or it could be when they leave university. When this point is reached, the house is sold and you and your ex-wife share the proceeds however the court decides. And here comes the drawback. Because you will not have been living in the house, you cannot claim it as your main private residence, exempt

TONY HETHERINGTON
MONEY CLINIC

from capital gains tax – especially if you have managed to buy somewhere else to live. The potential tax bill is just another expense of your divorce. But it is also another reason for getting professional advice, so it can be taken into account in the overall arithmetic, instead of coming as a nasty surprise some years down the line.

QIS IT true that you can tell which country a euro banknote comes from, even though they all look the same? If so, how do you identify notes from Spain, which appears to be in trouble?

ATHE serial number on each euro banknote begins with a letter linked to a particular country. Notes from Spain begin with the letter V, but do keep in mind that the euro is backed by all the countries that use it, and not just the one that printed it.

QMY partner and I made wills in favour of each other three years ago. Now we are getting married, and I think I am right in saying that marriage cancels your will, but does that apply in our situation, where we have already named each other as beneficiaries?

AYOU do need to make new wills. Marriage cancels any existing will unless it includes a declaration that you are making the will with marriage in mind. Marrying someone who is a beneficiary does not change this.

QMY daughter and her husband lived with us for a while. Since they moved out, we have had people calling, saying they owe money. Are we obliged to give her new address?

AYOU do not have to say anything, though it is a good idea to inform callers that your daughter and her husband no longer live with you. And do not believe anyone who suggests that their debts will be held against you – this is not true.

■ If you have a personal-finance question, write to Tony Hetherington, MyMoney24, Prospect House, Rouen Road, Norwich NR1 1RE. We regret that neither Tony nor the MyMoney24 team can enter into personal correspondence.

Exchange rate gives UK travellers a warm glow

The strength of the pound means good news for British holidaymakers this summer. **ADAM AIKEN** reports.



STERLING EFFORT FROM THE POUND

AT the start of 2012, the Post Office published a report pinpointing what it thought would be this year's holiday hotspots. Iceland and Croatia were among those tipped for success, as were the emerging destinations of Vietnam, Qatar, Argentina and Chile. Now we are well into the year, how are those places faring?

ICELAND

The country has had a difficult few years, with its banks collapsing and its volcanoes erupting, but UK tourists seem to be heading back there. This trend is likely to have been stimulated by the strong pound, worth 8.6pc more a year ago, according to the Post Office, and by the best Northern Lights in years. New low-cost flights from London should help to boost Iceland's tourism growth.

CROATIA

The Post Office says sales of Croatian kuna have risen by more than a quarter over the past year, reflecting an increase in the number of tourists the country is attracting – helped, no doubt, by the fact that sterling buys 12pc more kuna than a year ago.

SOUTH AMERICA

Despite the political posturing marking the 30th anniversary of the Falklands conflict, Argentina is the latest Latin American country to emerge as a leading holiday destination. Sales of Argentinean peso have quadrupled in two years, and a 7.2pc increase in sterling's value means Buenos Aires can expect to attract more visitors. Meanwhile, sales of the Chilean peso have risen 7pc this year.

ELSEWHERE

Five months since the launch of direct flights from London, Vietnam is consolidating its growth as a tourist destination. Sales at the Post Office of the Vietnamese dong were up 15pc in the first four months of this year. There is a similar story in Qatar, where a 45pc growth in currency sales in 2011 has accelerated to 54pc so far this year. These figures give backing to the idea that Qatar could start to give Dubai a run for its money as a destination.

close eye on exchange rates for all the destinations they are considering so they can judge where they will get the best return on their money."

Alex Lawson, senior broker at Moneycorp, said: "Everyone's talking about how the pound is soaring against the euro, and that's understandable given the continuing question marks over the single currency's future.

"While the EU is by far the most popular overseas holiday destination for Brits, this euro vision is blinding people to some of the other opportunities arising from the strong pound.

"Sterling has gained against a

number of other currencies in the last year and this shouldn't be overlooked as people consider their holiday options."

Mr Lawson pointed to particularly large rises against the Indian rupee, the Brazilian real and the South African rand, giving significantly more purchasing power to people heading to those countries.

The US dollar is one of the few currencies that has risen against the pound, with British visitors getting about 0.7pc fewer dollars for their pounds than a year ago, and there has been a 4pc drop for sterling against the Kenyan shilling.

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Your business is our business

Team of ex-bankers who are helping find the funds for small businesses to grow

By Nick Ames

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A TEAM of financiers is going where high-street banks fear to tread – by making cash available for small businesses.

Kent-based B&P Financial Services is composed of former Barclays branch managers and provides access to niche lenders for companies looking to obtain funds.

"Where high-street banks won't lend, we can find someone who will," said director Neil Pointin, who is based in Bearsted.

The company recently won the Commercial Broker Of The Year award for the third time in the last four years.

Consultant Nigel Barrington, who is based in Ashford, said: "This is something that we are particularly proud of as it is a national award and not something you can just enter –

you have to be nominated by your customers."

Pointin explained how the company worked:

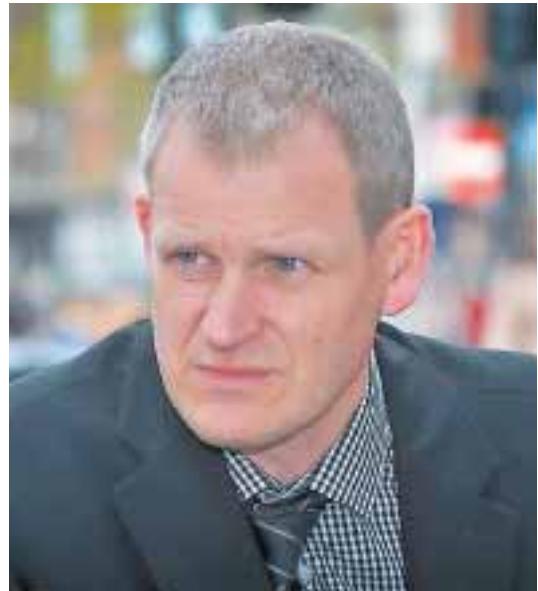
"At a time when loans can be difficult from mainstream banks, we are able to access the whole of the market to allow our clients to go to appropriate lenders."

"They may be small and operate in a particular niche market, but their criteria for lending are often far less restrictive than those in place in the banking industry."

"For instance, when it comes to investment in property, banks are very tight, so sometimes that means no money available at all or just 40 per cent loan-to-value."

The revenue that B&P accesses is from lenders that operate by making money available to business but do not work as savings banks with branches and counter staff.

Pointin said: "A good example is Shawbrook Ltd, who started in the market last year and have



MAN IN THE MIDDLE:

Neil Pointin is director at B&P Finance, a commercial brokers that helps firms to gain finance from lenders other than the banks

an appetite to lend. Their criteria are flexible because they do not have the cost base that is necessary to operate as a high-street bank. They just offer loan finances. Also they do not access their clients directly – they work through commercial brokers such as ourselves.

"Commercial brokering has been around for quite a long time, but it is a specialist market."

"What we are able to do is give advice on all the options available and point businesses towards the lenders that specialise in their particular area of commercial activity."

SCHEME

Council and university's combined venture offers voucher scheme for innovative ideas

MEDWAY'S brightest business people are being given the opportunity to bid for £5,000 in support and expertise from industry experts, with the launch of a new scheme by Medway Council and the University of Greenwich.

The Innovation Voucher Scheme, funded equally by the council and university, will award vouchers to up to 10 businesses, which can then be exchanged for services and expertise available through the university.

This support can include product- and service-testing, new product or business model development, or training in innovation management.

Although there is no fixed value for the vouchers, each one can be redeemed for work undertaken by the university, typically more than £4,000.

Medway Council's portfolio holder for strategic development and economic growth, Jane Chitty, said she hoped the scheme would forge lasting links between growing Medway businesses and the university.

"We've seen a great deal of regeneration and progress across Medway in recent years, not least the development of the University of

Greenwich and its three Universities at Medway partners, bringing with them an exciting and diverse range of skills and expertise," she said.

"It's important companies can benefit from the changes taking place here and this is a fantastic opportunity for our most innovative businesses to benefit from the talent at our universities."

Ray Wynne, of the Innovation Centre Medway, said: "The Innovation Voucher Scheme fits perfectly with our main goal, to provide entrepreneurs and businesses with a wide range of support they need to ensure growth."

Applications for the Innovation Vouchers close on Friday, June 15. They will then go before a panel and successful bids will be announced at the beginning of July. Businesses will then be matched with the relevant support and experts from the university so they can get to work.

Application forms can be found at www.innovationcentremedway.co.uk/innovation-vouchers, or contact the Innovation Centre Medway to discuss your project prior to completing the application. Phone 01634 887282.

NETWORKING

New Knibbs on the block throw out big invitation to fellow Wells companies

THE Tunbridge Wells First Friday business network has held its inaugural meeting at The Wells Kitchen.

More than 70 people, representing businesses of all sizes, met to make connections, talk about their businesses and find ways of helping each other.

The network is organised by Knibbs, the IT and telecoms specialist, that has recently opened new offices in the town.

Managing director Tim Knibbs said:

"We wanted to make an immediate contribution to the Tunbridge Wells business community and decided that launching a First Friday business network was an ideal way of doing it."

Business people who attended enjoyed the informal nature of the gathering.

Gavin Fisher, chief executive of the Children's Respite Trust, said: "I'm really pleased by the number and quality of businesses that are here."

"Everybody seems to have come in the mood to network and it's very easy to strike up new conversations."

Reasons for attending were varied, from the simply curious to the strategic.



time," said Martin Long, of Sugar Marketing.

"Understandably, businesses want to make sure they are getting value for money, but business-owners are looking to the future and doing what they believe they have to do to grow, including investing in their people, their infrastructure and their marketing."

Knibbs said: "I am delighted by the turnout, which was generated entirely by LinkedIn and word of mouth."

"The mood has been excellent and I am looking forward to welcoming even more people every first Friday of every month at The Wells Kitchen."

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SMEs are seeing more days wasted chasing late payments

ONE in every 10 local businesses is spending more than a quarter of its time chasing outstanding payments, according to the latest research by specialist invoice finance provider Bibby Financial Services.

The survey of SMEs in the region has revealed that 10 per cent are now spending more than a week a month chasing customers for payment – a figure that has risen from 6 per cent in March 2010 – and just above the UK average of 9 per cent.

Chasing customer late payments is responsible for losing UK businesses countless

working days and is thought to be costing the economy £4.4 billion every year.

The results will be of concern to businesses in the region that have already been hit hard by cuts in public spending and the loss of public-sector jobs having an impact on the local economy.

The research was carried out as the Government considered implementing a new European Directive next year setting the standard payment term at 30 days and is designed to reduce the length of time that businesses have to wait.

Jon Charsley, spokesman for Bibby Financial Services in the South East, said: "It is a real concern to see so many businesses in this region having to spend longer chasing payments than last year, which is time that could be better spent building their businesses."

"Our research also shows that 42 per cent of business-owners in the South East believe their firms are doing worse than a year ago, with factors such as the turmoil in the Eurozone and increasing VAT appearing to be hampering business performance in the region."

New Dungeness station threatened by EU ruling

By Nick Ames

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ANY plans for a new nuclear power station at Dungeness could be threatened by European Union regulations.

Dungeness A ceased operation in 2006, while Dungeness B, operated by energy giant EDF, is due to close in 2018.

At one time the plants accounted for 8 per cent of all employment on Romney Marsh and campaigners, including Shepway MP Damian Collins, have called for a third plant to be built on the site as part of the Government's energy strategy.

This hinges on contracts to guarantee investors the price they will receive for power generated by new plants, but energy minister Charles Hendry said that, because of EU state-aid rules, the Government could not provide the direct Treasury-backed guarantees investors wanted.

Ministers are yet to explain exactly who will act as the guarantors instead of the Treasury, but industry figures warned the Energy Select Committee that alternatives would be less credit-worthy and so push up costs.

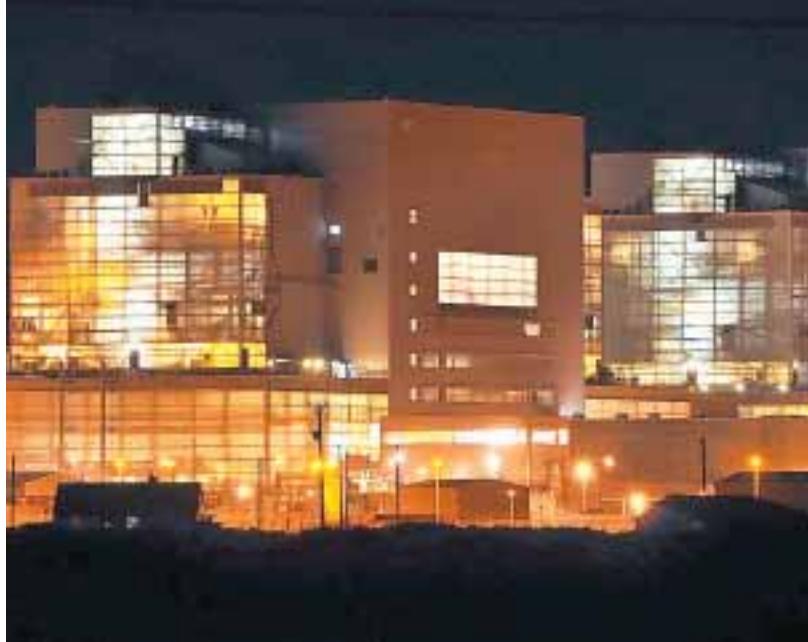
Volker Beckers, chief executive of RWE npower, said that what was known in the business as a counterparty was "crucial".

He said when the contracts for difference (CfD) – the power-price guaranteed framework – were proposed last year, companies expected they would be "backed by Government" and that effectively the Treasury would ultimately be "signing the cheque".

"Now we are miles away from that point," Beckers said.

Investors could no longer count on a "AAA-backed contract" and that "inevitably has an impact" on the cost of capital, he said.

Mr Hendry told MPs that, instead of Treasury



LIGHTS OUT? EU regulations on state aid mean the Treasury could not act as guarantor for the plant

backed guarantees, the proposed CfD system would be "delivered" by National Grid but if a future government reneged on agreed power prices the energy companies could sue for costs.

"EDF says there are other ways in which it would be cheaper for them, but we are yet to be persuaded that that would be permissible under state-aid rules," he said.

Tim Yeo, energy committee chairman, said the proposal was "bound to push up the cost of capital and, at worst, may deter investment".

He urged ministers to raise the issue of state aid with the European Commission "urgently".

The matter of nuclear energy on Romney Marsh is topical following proposals to build a storage plant for waste in the area.

Promotion sees old hand prepare to take hold at Stagecoach



SHAKE ON IT: Phil Medicott and Paul Southgate

PHIL Medicott, managing director of Stagecoach bus operations in east Kent, will leave the post at the end of the month following his promotion to Stagecoach North East as managing director.

His replacement is the former MD from whom he took over in 2008.

Paul Southgate returns to take the driving seat of the £55 million turnover company, which operates the bus network from seven UK depots with a team of 1,200 drivers, engineering personnel and administration staff.

Southgate, who since leaving the company's Canterbury head office has held the positions of

managing director, Stagecoach North West, and most recently UK bus commercial manager, said he was delighted to return to Kent and East Sussex.

He said: "I'm sure that everyone who has worked with Phil will join me in thanking him for the great job he has done and wish him all the best for the future."

"I look forward to expanding upon the improvements made to the services and the network and continuing to encourage passenger growth, despite the economic and day-to-day challenges faced by the UK's bus operators."

EMPLOYMENT

Boss reaching boiling point as chef jobs fail to stir the unemployed

AN EXPANDING business that has just won a new contract says it is finding it impossible to recruit staff in Kent.

Despite unemployment among young people being high, Healthy Roots co-founder Dawn Phelps says she is finding it difficult to recruit chefs despite offering a good salary.

She needs the new staff to cope with increasing demand for the range of food she prepares by hand and supplies to nurseries and schools across the South East.

The Ashford business has just landed a new contract in Brighton, but Phelps says her pleasure at winning new work has not been shared by the local unemployed.

"I really don't understand it," she said. "We are offering well above the average salary, but local people don't seem to want the work. I have had to advertise nationally, which seems strange."

The company's business model is based on the philosophy that healthy and nutritious food is vital to children's learning.

Phelps said: "All the evidence shows that healthy, hand-made food is not just better nutritionally but also helps children learn because they are more alert."

"Parents who care about what youngsters eat at home know that what the nursery serves for lunch is as important as the attention, the social skills and the learning it provides."

"We work with nurseries that understand this and are delighted to have been asked to produce 100 meals a day for our new clients in Brighton."

"We are optimistic that if this first contract goes well we will double or even treble our work within the region – and that could mean even more job opportunities."

Healthy Roots has also picked up business in Tunbridge Wells and Medway and is becoming increasingly known for the quality of its food.



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Training, courses and careers

MidKent College launches new set of HE courses

MIDKENT College has launched a new series of higher education courses.

The courses – which start in September – cost £5,700 a year and include a £1,000 bursary for full-time students in the first year.

At the Medway campus there will be Higher National Certificate/Diploma in hospitality and event management; HND in performing arts (musical theatre and production pathways); and HNC/HND in public services (security pathway).

And at the Maidstone campus there will be HNC/HND in entrepreneurship; HNC/HND in sport and leisure management; and HND in health and social care (applied social science).

The launch of the new courses follows the Government's announcement in March that MidKent College had won 214 'margin' places for higher education – the sixth highest among colleges in the country.

Stephen Batchelor – director of HE development – said: "Our new suite of HE qualifications have been specifically designed to increase the employability of our learners.

"As the UK enters a double-dip recession, providing employability skills for our learners remains a key focus for the college.

"We have designed a series of qualifications that will provide young people with the skills and abilities they need to be successful in building a career and gaining an edge in the ever-more crowded job market, making higher education a worthwhile long-term investment."

Visit www.midkent.ac.uk for more information.

Hadlow wins cash for fruit farming apprenticeships

HADLOW College has secured sponsorship for two apprentices wishing to enter the fruit farming sector.

The sponsorship will cover training over the three-year apprenticeship and is worth £10,000 per apprentice.

And because the funding has been secured from the private sector, there are no age or education barriers and applications from graduates and others with higher level qualifications is especially welcome.

The intention of the programme is to train entrants for supervisory and middle management roles.

Apprentices will be indentured for three years during which time they will complete a nationally accredited programme including fruit production, storage, packaging, promotion, marketing and management techniques.

The UK fruit industry has recovered from the severe setbacks suffered during the 80s and 90s, and the sector is witnessing substantial new and progressive investment.

The modern fruit industry is science, engineering and technology based.

Fruit production is one of Kent's most important farming sectors. The county is the UK's largest producer of top fruit (apples, pears, etc) and Kent's share of the soft fruit sector is growing rapidly.

Application for an apprenticeship is competitive and the selection process includes interviews with sponsors, employers and college staff.

Those interested can contact Pat Crawford at pat.crawford@hadlow.ac.uk or 01732 850551.

Points now mean work experience prizes for university's students

AN innovative scheme that awards points to University of Kent students as they demonstrate their skills, and rewards them with work experience opportunities, has received backing from leading employers.

Tesco, Coca Cola and Enterprise Rent-a-Car are among the 80 leading companies and organisations offering work experience, internships, and skills development sessions, as prizes to Kent students under the university's employability points scheme.

More than 2,000 students have taken part in the scheme, which was rolled out this year across the university following a successful pilot launch last year.

It enables students to earn clubcard-style points for activities ranging from community volunteering and mentoring to participating in events and workshops.

Students receiving the most points under the scheme – which is thought to be unique in UK higher education – are then chosen by sponsoring employers for a range of work experience opportunities relevant to an individual's skills.

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The University of Kent was established at Canterbury in 1965 and has now become known as the UK's European university, with students in Brussels and Paris as well as at its other Kent campuses at Medway and Tonbridge.

It has nearly 20,000 students, of which around 17,000 are undergraduates and approaching 3,000 are postgraduates.

The university says it has consistently been rated by its own students as one of the best universities in the UK in the National Student Survey for the quality of its teaching and academic provision.

The 2012 Guardian University Guide sees Kent ranked 23rd, with one third of its subjects in the top 12 nationally for teaching.

It has long-standing partnerships with more than 100 universities in Europe and it is the only UK university to have specialist postgraduate centres in Brussels and Paris. In 2010 it launched a new initiative to offer more scholarships to students from Hong Kong and China.



ON-THE-JOB LEARNING: Firms including Coca Cola and Tesco offer work experience

Schools & education

Travel and tourism students flying high after cabin crew training day

CANTERBURY College students learned about life at 40,000ft when they became cabin crew aboard a Boeing 737 for a day.

The 15 BTEC travel and tourism students were put through their paces on the 300-seater airliner by JARE Airline Training Partnership.

They learned how to deal with passengers and cope with emergencies by taking part in a series of simulation exercises during the day-long session at

the Bournemouth Airport training centre. Completion of the short course earned them an NCFE certificate in Introduction to Cabin Crew.

One exercise involved them rescuing babies from a cabin filled with smoke, and for another they had to put out a small fire on the plane.

An airline security test had them locating replica guns and knives hidden on the plane. They even learned what to do in a crash and covered cabin

crew basics, such as supplying food and drink to passengers.

The day was a hit with the students. Lauren Leggatt, 17, said: "The training was hard work but it was fun. Being able to do it rather than just hear about it in a classroom has made me consider doing it in the future."

Classmate Melanie Jones, 17, commented: "Some of the exercises made me realise how responsible you have to be, especially when we had to rescue the babies from the cabin."

Young partially sighted pupils help develop special iPad art show app

VISUALLY impaired students are working on a ground-breaking iPad application to enable partially sighted or blind people to enjoy art exhibitions and displays.

The youngsters from the VI Centre at the Charles Dickens School in Broadstairs are helping to develop the app with students from the University of Kent at Canterbury.

They have been giving vital feedback on what they want the application to provide as well as help to design modifications to the computer tablet to make it easier for them to use.

The team has also been working with the Turner Contemporary gallery at Margate and a trial run was a success for the fledgling audio resource project.

Sally McCormack, VI Centre manager, said: "It is a simple and effective way of helping blind and partially sighted people get the most out of a visit to a gallery, for example,

"The iPad programme gives vivid descriptions of each picture in the gallery and importantly it adds sounds like the sea or the wind or birdsong to conjure up the real atmosphere of the work.

"We trialled it at the Turner and the Elements



ART: Some of the visually impaired students in front of Rodin's The Kiss at Turner Contemporary

exhibition and it worked very well. It certainly meant that our VI students could engage much more effectively with the exhibition, which is extremely important for them."

Headteacher Andrew Olsson said: "Our VI Centre is always looking to push the boundaries to make life better in every way for our students. Our young people were actively involved in the University of Kent project and really helped develop a tool that they feel comfortable using."

Fledgling actors get a chance to step into theatre festival spotlight

THE Miskin Theatre, part of North West Kent College, has been selected to perform at the International Student Drama Festival (ISDF) in Sheffield in June.

With over 150 UK entries alone, representing the UK's top drama schools, only 10 have been chosen for the prestigious event.

The Miskin is the only further education institute represented at the event, and they will be lining up alongside acting compa-

nies from the likes of Oxford and Cambridge universities.

The Miskin actors and technicians are the youngest to be performing at the festival, aged only 16 and 17, and on their first year of their Level Two First Diploma course.

Most other drama school performers' will be aged from 22 to 25.

The company members are from Dartford where the Miskin is based and from surrounding areas such as Brom-

ley, Bexley, Gravesend, Rochester and Medway.

The production that won them the place, The Lives They Left Behind, was judged and selected by actress Lucy Briers, and she will be working alongside the young performers throughout their preparation for the festival.

Director Gabby Vautier, who currently works at the Young Vic and has worked at the Barbican, will also be working alongside the company.

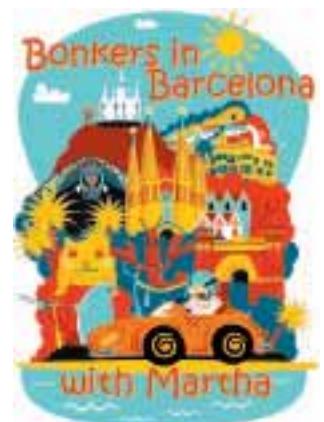
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DENISE very normal single white female, likes nights in/out, keeping fit, seeking genuine romantic black male for ltr. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 391093 ☺

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JUNE good looking divorced 40's female, bubbly romantic and looking for ltr. Genuine replies only pls. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 386301

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DEBS 38 green eyed sophisticated blonde, attractive size 12, not looking for anything long term or steady just fun with intelligent male, 30-60yrs. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 385377

TARA 5ft big blue eyed babe with a cute smile looking for older daddy who is not afraid to spend a little to live a lot. Good times always guaranteed. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 381731

NIAMH slim attractive female, well travelled and body confident, seeking mature male who can handle a real women. Or at least thinks he can. ACA. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 384051 ☺

KEELY blonde 18yr old, blue eyes size 10, busty, stays at home too much and looking for casual fun with older male with OHAC. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 382079 ☺

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LAURA single female 22yrs blonde, blue eyes, very attractive with curly figure, WLTM older male for fun times only. Status unimportant. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 387049 ☺

SLIM tall, elegant, feminine, NS, solvent lady, young 50's, loves travel, red wine, seeks tall, sincere, military/professional gen of high calibre. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 388071

NICOLE lonely and looking for love, cultured, intelligent, beautiful, creative and looking for sincere male for mature loving ltr. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 388145

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JACQUELINE blue eyed attractive petite blonde, fit/active and social looking to meet similar kind male for ltr and more. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 388137

TRIXI looking for older respectful gentleman for fun times only. I am bubbly very fun and can accommodate. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 388135

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DEBBIE 5ft 8ins, short dark hair/eyes, slim, daughter, easygoing, likes dinner, cinema, bowling, gym, music, travel, seeks male. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 386633

KERRY blonde blue eyed cuted lady, very genuine, caring, seeking caring natured male 45-58 for loving romance. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 386653 ☺

LINDA busty blue eyed blonde bombshell, likes holidays, sensuous, attractive and need of spoiling, and attention, seeks likeminded male for fun times. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 390362 ☺

AMANDA 25yr old easygoing singleton looking for fun times only with mature male, 35-55. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 389733

SOPHIE lonely fun attractive female, 21, looking for fun nights out and cosy nights in with similar male, any eye/looks. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 389731

LADY 60's, bubbly, hurt in past, likes socialising, cooking, cats, holidays, seeks kind honest gent, 55-65 for friendship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 389653 ☺

JACQUELINE 51, 5ft 8ins, green eyes, auburn hair, likes theatre, walks, seeks honest, down to earth, sincere fun man for good times, friendship and nights out. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 387107 ☺

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MARY 21, petite, pretty, fed up with own company, seeking male to help me get back into the swing of things, for uncomplicated fun times together. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 387107 ☺

ALICE 18yr old tall blonde carefree student, looking for exciting male 18-30 for good times only. ACA. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 387107 ☺

MANDY 45, 5ft 6ins, attractive, blue/green eyes, trendy, seeks tall, N/S male of similar age with GSOH. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 391299 ☺

LONELY romantic male, 47, medium build, blue eyes, likes walks, animals, music, pubs, seeks loving female, slim-medium build, 28-53 for friendship/relationship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 391244

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MARION 38 slim, sporty, fun with good personality, loves travel, holding hands and caring for people. Seeks genuine male, no time wasters. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 381289 ☺

38YR old guy, seeking female for naughty fun meets. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 383159 ☺

ADE early 40's, 5ft 10ins, medium build, looking for lady for mutual fun and good times together. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 384495 ☺

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YACHT owning male, 52, seeks laughing lady who needs excitement and friendship. Hants/West Sussex. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 390195

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CHRIS outgoing secretary, enjoys nice wine, romantic meals, looking for easygoing male to let and just see what develops. ACA. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 383155 ☺

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TASHA single working mum seeks light hearted man, 35-45 who also likes to enjoy life to the full for passion, romance and ltr. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 387047 ☺

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HEALTHY happy 49y old male, seeks attractive, well spoken, N/S Sussex female for LTR. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 390938 ☺

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MALÉ 56, lots of spare time, seeking lady 40 plus to spice up life with uncomplicated friendship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 390795

DENTAL practitioner handsome 47, 6ft, blue eyes, dark hair, seeks slim feminine female for cycling, tennis, golf and dinners out. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 390798 ☺

MALE 56, tall, slim, N/S, up for anything, seeks NS female for LTR. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 385045

GOOD looking fun, friendly, easygoing, sincere male, 46, slim-medium build, hazel eyes, dark hair, nice smile, seeks attractive, caring lady for relationship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 391234 ☺

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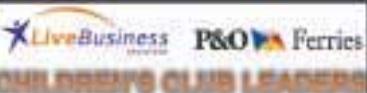
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**Closing date: 25th May 2012
Interviews: 30th May 2012**

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- experience of using Microsoft Office (particularly Word and Excel)
- excellent organisational skills and attention to detail
- knowledge of school office work and SIMS database desirable
- enthusiasm and a good sense of humour

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Closing Date: 1st June 2012

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 13 OF TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE) (ENGLAND) ORDER 2010 AND UNDER THE PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS & CONSERVATION AREA) ACT 1990

KCC/GR/0148/2012 - Proposed development at Land at and surrounding Rathmore Road south of the Railway, Gravesend, Kent, DA11 0HP

KCC Highways and Transportation is applying to Kent County Council as County Planning Authority for planning permission for improvements to Rathmore Road, Gravesend, including its realignment through the existing car park at the eastern end to a new junction immediately south of 20 Stone Street, widening at the western end involving the demolition of 13 Darnley Road and The Lodge, Rathmore Road, and signalisation of its junctions with Stone Street and Darnley Road and improvements to the railway station forecourt, including the provision for taxis and disabled parking. (The proposed scheme is part of the Gravesend Transport Quarter Development which was granted outline planning permission by Gravesend Borough Council in October 2010).

The proposed development is partly within and otherwise adjoins or is close to the Darnley Road and Upper Windmill Street Conservation Areas and would affect their character and/or appearance, and would also affect the setting of nearby listed buildings.

You may view this application at Gravesend Borough Council, Civic Centre, Windmill Street, Gravesend, Kent, DA12 1AU.

NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 13 OF TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE) (ENGLAND) ORDER 2010

KCC/MA/0154/2012 - Proposed development at Maidstone Grammar School for Girls, Buckland Road, Maidstone, Kent, ME6 0SD

Maidstone Grammar School for Girls is applying to Kent County Council for planning permission for the demolition of existing buildings and erection of replacement sports hall, dining hall and kitchens and music teaching accommodation together with external works.

You may view this application at Maidstone Borough Council, Maidstone House, King Street, Maidstone Kent, ME15 6QJ.

PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION AREAS) ACT 1990

KCC/SW/0155/2012 - Tunstall C of E Primary School, Tunstall Road, Tunstall, Sittingbourne, Kent, ME9 8DX

Tunstall CE Primary School is applying to Kent County Council for planning permission for the provision of external storage space for both outdoor play equipment and maintenance equipment. The storage is to be provided by standard timber sheds located to the boundaries of the site. The sheds have been installed on the site for a period of between 1 and 3 years, with some located in more prominent locations than others. The proposed development is within the Tunstall Conservation Area and is likely to affect its character and/or appearance, and also affects the setting of a listed building.

You may view this application at Swale Borough Council, Swale House, East Street, Sittingbourne, Kent, ME10 3HT.

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE) (ENGLAND) ORDER 2010

NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 13(3) OF APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION ACCOMPANIED BY AN ENVIRONMENTAL STATEMENT

KCC/DO/0081/2012 - Proposed development at Site B - Land North of Stevens & Carrott, Ramsgate Road, Richborough, Sandwich, Kent, CT13 9ST

Thanet Waste Services is applying to Kent County Council for planning permission for Section 73 application for minor-material amendment to planning permission D0/10/54 - Waste Processing Developments - Site B: Re-orientation of soil washing plant; revisions to layout for lorry parking; provision of portacabin for office/staff facilities in place of permanent building as approved; siting of additional portacabin for mess facilities; alterations to weighbridge office building; alterations to aggregate storage bays. The application is accompanied by an environmental statement.

You may view this application at Dover District Council, Council Offices, White Cliffs Business Park, Dover, Kent, CT16 3PZ.

This is an application for a minor-material amendment which proposes an amended layout to the approved development as set out above. The original application was subject to an Environmental Impact Assessment and was accompanied by an Environmental Statement (ES). This proposal reconsiders the relevant parts of that original ES.

Members of the public may obtain CD copies of the original Environmental Statement from Lee Evans Planning, St. Johns Lane, Canterbury, Kent, CT1 2QQ, email townplanning@lee-evans.co.uk, telephone 01227 784444.

Alternatively, details of all applications can be viewed on Kent County Council's website at www.kent.gov.uk/viewapplications or at our offices in Maidstone at the address below during all reasonable office hours.

We accept comments online via our website, by email to planning.applications@kent.gov.uk or in writing to Planning Applications Group, Kent County Council, First Floor, Invicta House, County Hall, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XX within 23 days from the date of this notice. Please quote the application reference number and note that comments may be drawn to the attention of Council Members, the applicant and other interested persons and may include publishing on the Borough/District Council website.

Sharon Thompson
Head of Planning Applications Group
Kent County Council
Dated: 27 May 2012



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Surname	Basic Allowance	Special Allowance	Carers' Subsistence	Travelling/ Allowance	Co-optees Allowance	Total
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Aitchison	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	66.67	66.67
Assirati	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	800.04	800.04
Atwood	5,279.04	16,749.96	0.00	0.00	0.00	22,029.00
Backhouse	4,730.04	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,730.04
Barrington-King	5,279.04	8,990.04	0.00	151.45	0.00	14,240.53
Basu	5,279.04	1,124.84	0.00	321.58	0.00	6,725.46
Bothwell	5,279.04	495.00	0.00	97.50	0.00	5,871.54
Brown	5,106.71	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,106.71
Bullock	553.45	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	553.45
Bulman	4,730.04	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,730.04
Chapeland	4,730.04	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,730.04
Chater	553.45	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	553.45
Cobbold	5,279.04	1,980.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	7,259.04
Cockell	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	266.68	266.68
Codd	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	361.31	361.31
Crawford	3,299.84	82.50	0.00	397.00	0.00	3,826.34
Crowhurst	5,279.04	0.00	0.00	4,091.15	0.00	9,360.23
Cunningham	5,279.04	8,990.04	0.00	0.00	0.00	14,269.08
Derrick	4,725.59	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,725.59
Edwards	553.45	138.39	0.00	0.00	0.00	691.84
Elliott	5,279.04	1,532.90	0.00	278.20	0.00	7,090.14
Greene	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	800.04	800.04
Hall	5,279.04	0.00	0.00	927.60	0.00	6,206.64
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Hastie	4,725.59	0.00	0.00	96.10	0.00	4,821.69
Hedges	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	800.04	800.04
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McDermott	5,279.04	0.00	0.00	80.50	0.00	5,359.54
Miller	553.45	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	553.45
Moore	5,279.04	0.00	99.00	0.00	0.00	5,378.04
Neve	5,279.04	4,081.44	0.00	0.00	0.00	9,360.48
Noakes	5,279.04	1,320.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	6,599.04
Palmer	5,279.04	5,279.04	0.00	0.00	0.00	10,558.08
Payson	0.00	0.00	0.00	58.60	1,295.04	1,353.64
Poile	4,730.04	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,730.04
Price	5,279.04	1,980.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	7,259.04
Ransley	5,279.04	8,990.04	0.00	0.00	0.00	14,269.08
Rogers	4,725.59	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,725.59
Rolington	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	266.68	266.68
Rock	5,279.04	0.00	0.00	175.50	0.00	5,454.54
Rusbridge	5,279.04	5,279.04	0.00	0.00	0.00	10,558.08
Scholes	5,279.04	8,990.04	0.00	0.00	0.00	14,269.08
Segall Jones	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	800.04	800.04
Simmons	3,630.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,630.00
Smith	5,279.04	780.50	0.00	820.30	0.00	6,879.84
Soyke	5,279.04	0.00	0.00	285.70	0.00	5,564.74
Spanswick	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	800.04	800.04
Stanier	5,279.04	4,693.70	0.00	0.00	0.00	9,972.74
Thomas	5,279.04	0.00	0.00	289.25	0.00	5,568.29
Varney	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,780.24	2,780.04
Waldock	5,279.04	5,279.04	0.00	321.10	0.00	10,879.18
Ward	5,279.04	5,279.04	0.00	902.95	0.00	11,461.03
Weatherly	4,725.59	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,725.59
Webb	4,725.59	0.00	0.00	70.75	0.00	4,766.34
Weeden	5,279.04	714.56	0.00	622.70	0.00	6,616.30
Williams	5,279.04	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,279.04
TOTAL	246,843.90	109,693.76	117.00	13,383.51	11,876.63	381,914.80

Co-optees' allowance recognise the time devoted by those co-opted members who serve on the Standards and Audit Committees of the Council but who are not elected members of the Council.

All allowances reflect an element of voluntary public service.

Paper copies of any of the above documents can also be provided by contacting Democratic Services, on 01892 554219. These documents can also be viewed during office hours at the Gateway customer centre in Grosvenor Road, Royal Tunbridge Wells.

Lee M. Colyer CPFA
Head of Finance & Governance (s151 Officer)
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TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE) (ENGLAND) ORDER 2010

NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 13(3) OF APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION ACCOMPANIED BY AN ENVIRONMENTAL STATEMENT

Proposed development at Land 500m South West Otterpool Manor Barn, (adjacent Harringe Brooks Wood) Otterpool Lane, Selingde, Kent

I give notice that Ecotricity (Next Generation) Ltd is applying to Shepway District Council for planning permission for a wind energy development comprising the erection of six wind turbines, each with a maximum overall height of up to 125m together with access tracks, crane pad areas, electricity substation, temporary construction compound and amended vehicular access being accompanied by an Environmental Statement.

Members of the public may inspect copies of:

- The application (reference Y12/0451/SH)
- The plans
- The environmental statement
- Other documents submitted with the application

at SHEPWAY DISTRICT COUNCIL, CIVIC CENTRE, CASTLE HILL AVENUE, FOLKESTONE, KENT during the hours of 8.30 am - 5.00 pm weekdays, except Wednesday 9.30 am - 5.00 pm.

Or online at <http://www.shepway.gov.uk/content/view/203076/203/>. Please allow up to five working days from the date of this notice for details to be available.

Members of the public may obtain copies of the environmental statement from: Planning Department, Ecotricity, Axiom House, Station Road, Stroud, Gloucestershire, GL5 3AP on payment of £150.00 for a paper copy or £35 for a CD version.

Anyone who wishes to make representation can do so in writing to the Council at the Civic Centre, Castle Hill Avenue, Folkestone, Kent, CT20 2QY or by e-mail to planning@shepway.gov.uk ensuring you include your full postal address and quoting the application number within a period of 21 days commencing on the date of publication of the notice.

C Lewis, Head of Planning
Shepway District Council



THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE) (ENGLAND) ORDER 2010

The following applications have been submitted for consideration by the Council:

Y12/0474/SH - Montacute Court 11 - 15 Westbourne Gardens Folkestone Kent CT20 2TJ - Crown lift of an Acer (T3) to 3 metres (5 metres over road) and re-pollard a second Acer (T5) both situated within a conservation area.

Y12/0466/SH+ - Highcliffe 2 Castle Road Hythe Kent CT21 5EY - Section 73 application for the variation/removal of condition 12 of planning permission Y11/1086/SH for revised details for the erection of a detached house as an alternative to that approved under application Y08/0949/SH to allow house to be built to meet a Code for Sustainable Homes rating of a minimum of 2* as opposed to 3*.

Y12/0415/SH+ - Former Primary School Adjoining Marist Convent Seabrook Road Hythe Kent - Erection of a part four and part three-storey block of 13 flats, being details pursuant to outline planning permission Y08/0949/SH (details relating to appearance, landscaping and scale).

Y12/0463/SH+ - Saltwood Village Hall Rectory Lane Saltwood Hythe Kent - Erection of a front entrance porch following removal of existing with associated new steps and paving, hard and soft landscaping works and the erection of a flag pole and notice board.

Y12/0424/SH+ - Canon Newman Hall Dental Street Hythe Kent CT21 5LH - Change of use of the existing church hall to a single residential dwelling, together with a single storey front extension and increase in roof height, a second floor extension and other external alterations.

Any representations should be made in writing to the Head of Planning, Shepway District Council, Civic Centre, Castle Hill Avenue, Folkestone, Kent, CT20 2QY or emailed to planning@shepway.gov.uk. Comments should be made in writing within 21 days from the date of publication. It should be noted that any representations received will be made available for public inspection.

Some applications can be viewed at other locations in addition to the Civic Centre, Folkestone. The applications are marked as follows:

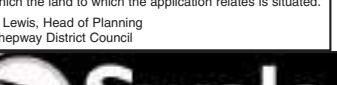
- The One Stop Shop, Magpies, Church Approach, New Romney

+ - Hythe Town Council Offices, Stade Street, Hythe

Applications can be viewed and comments made online at <http://searchplanapps.shepway.gov.uk/online-applications/>.

The applications marked (*) do not accord with the provisions of the development plan in force in the area in which the land to which the application relates is situated.

C Lewis, Head of Planning
Shepway District Council



TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION AREAS) ACT 1990

Swale Borough Council as Local Planning Authority has received the following applications which are being advertised to ascertain the views of persons living near the sites and other interested parties. The proposed developments relate to one or more of the following:

1. The site of the application is within/affecting a designated Conservation Area (Section 73) of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990.

2. The proposed development may affect the Listed Building or its setting.

3. The application is for a Major Development.

4. The application would affect a right of way to which Part III of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended) applies.

PLANNING

COUNCILLORS' ALLOWANCES

Members Allowances' Scheme 2012/13

In accordance with The Local Authorities (Members' Allowances) (England) Regulations 2003 No. 1021 Part 3 (16) the Council is required after making or amending a scheme to make arrangements for its publication. Full Council on 19 February 2009 considered the recommendations of the Joint Independent Remuneration Panel and agreed a phased adoption from 2009/10 thereby complying with its duty under regulation 19. Full details are available on the Council's website www.tunbridgewells.gov.uk under part 7 of the constitution. The basic and special responsibility allowances payable under the Members' Allowance Scheme for the financial year 1 April 2012 to 31 March 2013 are as follows;

	Allowance (£)
Basic Allowance for all Councillors	5,279
Minority Group Leaders	2,148 plus £100 per member
Special Responsibility Allowances	
Leader	16,750
Cabinet Member	8,990
Cabinet Advisory Board Vice Chairman	1,320
Chairman of Scrutiny Committee	5,279
Chairman of Licensing	1,980
Chairman of General Purposes	1,980
Chairman of Joint Transportation Board	1,980
Chairman of Standards Committee	1,980
Chairman of Audit Committee	1,980
Chairman of Planning Committee	5,279
Vice Chairman of Scrutiny Committee	1,320
Vice Chairman of Licensing	495
Vice Chairman of General Purposes	495
Vice Chairman of Joint Transportation Board	495
Vice Chairman of Standards Committee	495
Vice Chairman of Audit Committee	495
Vice Chairman of Planning Committee	1,320
Other Allowances	
Co-opted Members of Standards Committee and Independent Members of Audit Committee	800

All allowances have been frozen.

Only one Special Responsibility Allowance may be claimed in addition to the Basic Allowance, except for Minority Group Leaders.

In accordance with Part 3 (13) of the Regulations any member may elect to forgo all or part of his/her entitlement to allowances by notifying the Head of Finance and Governance.

In addition, the following travel and subsistence allowances are also payable under the Members' Allowances Scheme:-

Childcare and Dependent Carers' Allowance

An allowance for any approved duty of £6 per hour

Travel Allowance Rates:

The motor vehicle mileage rates will be paid in accordance with the approved mileage rates published by HM Revenues and Customs. The current rates are as follows:

	First 10,000 business miles in a tax Year	Each business mile over 10,000 in a tax year
Cars and vans	45p	25p
Motor cycles	24p	24p
Bicycles	20p	20p

Re-imbursement will be limited to comparable costs of using public transport where the Head of Finance and Governance determines that public transport was a practical alternative.

Travel by Bus, Rail and Taxi will be the actual standard fare paid.

Subsistence Allowances:

Rates are those published by the South East Employers for 2010/11 and frozen. Re-imbursement is upon submission of a receipt up to a maximum of:-

Breakfast	£6.88
Lunch	£9.50
Dinner	£11.76

Accommodation: reasonable actual cost

Paper copies of any of the above documents can also be provided by contacting Democratic Services, on 01892 554219. These documents can also be viewed during office hours at the Gateway customer centre in Grosvenor Road, Royal Tunbridge Wells.

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THE MAIDSTONE BOROUGH COUNCIL Town and Country Planning Act Notice of Applications

MA/11/1823/S - ROUND OAK FARM, HENIKER LANE, SUTTON VALENCE, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME17 3ED - Change of use of land to a holiday caravan site with the stationing of 3 static holiday let caravans as shown on drawing nos. 11/1001, 11/1010 and 11/1011 received on 24th October 2011. **Reason: 9**

MA/12/0568/N - 34, HIGH STREET, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME14 1JH - Installation of new shop front and associated works. **Reason: 2**

MA/12/0595/N - 2 & 3, FOSTER STREET, MAIDSTONE, KENT - An application for a new planning permission to replace an extant planning permission MA/08/1415 (Outline Planning Permission for the Erection of 14no. dwellings (3no. terraced houses and 11no. apartments) with means of landscape only to be considered at this stage and all other matters reserved for future consideration) to allow a further three years in which to implement the development. **Reason: 6**

MA/12/0686/S - LOOSE CRICKET CLUB, OLD DRIVE, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME15 9SE - Conversion and change of use of storage barn to changing facilities for cricket club. Relocation of cricket and football pitches and installation of cricket nets. **Reason: 6**

Reasons for advertisement key:

- 1 - Applications affect the setting of a Listed Building.
- 2 - Application affects the setting of a Conservation Area.
- 3 - Application is Major Development.

9 - Application does not accord with the Local Plan.

Copies of applications listed may be seen at Maidstone Gateway, Maidstone during office hours (Monday to Wednesday 8.30am to 5.30pm, Thursday 8.30am to 7pm, Friday 8.30am to 5.30pm and Saturday 9am to 1pm). Any representations should be made in writing to me by no later than **10th June 2012**, quoting the application number.

Rob Jarman, Head of Development Management, Maidstone Borough Council, Maidstone House, King Street, Maidstone, Kent ME15 6JQ. **Dated:** 27th May 2012



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Town and Country Planning Acts

The Council is required to give notice of the following applications

12/01342/FULM

August Pitts Farm Churn Lane, Brenchley

- Extension to fruit packing facilities to include packing area, cold stores, offices and staff facilities, plus new access and landscaping (MAJOR)

12/01378/FUL

Colts Hill Farmhouse Colts Hill, Capel

- Realignment of existing drive, new access gates and timber fencing (LB)

12/01363/LBC

Bird In Hand Stone Street, Cranbrook And Sissinghurst

- Listed Building Consent - Woodburning stove to living room and bedroom 1 (LB)

12/01417/HOUSE

Hartley Hall Hawkhurst Road, Cranbrook And Sissinghurst

- Summer house (LB)

12/01432/LBC

Webster House High Street, Cranbrook And Sissinghurst

- Listed Building Consent - Alterations to existing side entrance to house and rear access to garden (LB)

12/01377/FUL

Lonsdale House 7-9 Lonsdale Gardens, Culverden

- Mixed use extension to existing offices comprising 57.14sqm office (B1) and five apartments (3 x 2 beds and 2 x 1 beds) (CA)

12/01368/LBC

Rowan Cottage Attwaters Lane, Hawkhurst

- Listed Building Consent - Three storey extension to side elevation to include basement floor (amendments and alterations to Listed Building Consent TW/09/00954) (LB)

12/01421/FUL

The Pulse Ockley Road, Hawkhurst

- Extension of time planning permission reference TW/09/01215/FUL: Change of use of existing shop to one ground floor flat with alterations to front and rear elevations (CA)

12/01347/HOUSE

10 Warwick Road Royal Tunbridge Wells, Pantiles & St Marks

- Part demolition and part rebuild of existing conservatory at rear (CA)

12/01366/FUL

90-92 High Street Royal Tunbridge Wells, Pantiles & St Marks

- Change of use from Class A1 (take-away sandwich shop) to mixed Class A1/A3 (to include eat-in provision) (LB) (CA)

12/01323/FUL

37-41 Camden Road Royal Tunbridge Wells, Park

- Alteration of existing flats on first and second floors to create five flats in total including conversion of existing roofspace (TW/11/01258) - variation of condition 3 - to allow the enlarged element to the rear and the velux to the front (CA)

12/01324/HOUSE

5 & 7 Princes Street Royal Tunbridge Wells, Park

- Loft conversions with hip-to-gable extended roof and twin rear dormers to each dwelling (CA)

12/01356/HOUSE

Oakfield Lodge Camden Hill, Park

- Re-establish missing chimney stack, remove rear extension and add single stoey extension and glazed link to the east (CA)

12/01357/LBC

Oakfield Lodge Camden Hill, Park

- Listed Building Consent: Re-establish missing chimney stack, remove rear extension and add single stoey extension and glazed link to the east (LB)

12/01372/HOUSE

37 Princes Street Royal Tunbridge Wells, Park

- Single storey rear extension (CA)

12/01249/LBC

The Old Mill Amhurst Bank Road, Pembury

- Replacement of existing plastic rainwater goods with cast iron, refurbishment of existing tile hanging, repair of top section of corner of corner chimney stack, replacement of metal window with timber unit, replacement of metal patio door with timber unit (LB)

12/01364/LBC

The Malt House Queen Street, Sandhurst

- Listed Building Consent - Replacement to centre casements of first floor front elevation windows, and modifications to frames (LB)

12/01350/HOUSE

15 Prospect Park Southborough, Southborough Town Council

- Conversion of garage to habitable living accommodation and installation of woodburner (CA) (DEVPLN) Departure from the Development Plan (PROW) Affecting a Public Right of Way (CA) Affecting a Conservation Area (LB) Affecting a Listed Building (MAJOR) Major Applications (MAST) Mast Applications (EIA) Applications Accompanied by an EIA Statement.

You may view these applications on our website (www.tunbridgewells.gov.uk), at The Old Fire Station, Stone Street, Cranbrook or at Gateway, 8 Grosvenor Road, Tunbridge Wells. We accept comments online, by email to planningcomments@tunbridgewells.gov.uk or in writing

to the address below. Comments should be made within 21 days from the date of this notice, although we may accept them after this date.

You should quote the reference and be aware that we make all comments available for inspection, placing them on the file and publishing them on the internet. We do not publish signatures, telephone numbers or email addresses on the internet.

Jim Kehoe
Head of Planning Services
Town Hall, Royal Tunbridge Wells TN1 1RS

Dated: 26 May 2012

Folkestone
Hydro & Recovery Network
Mangotsfield Church

PROPOSED VARIATION OF TAXI FARES,
SECTION 65 LOCAL GOVERNMENT
(MISCELLANEOUS PROVISION ACT 1976)

THE COUNCIL'S PROPOSAL

Shepway District Council proposes to vary the fares which may be charged in connection with the hire of taxis (Hackney Carriages) the proposed variation is shown below:

PROPOSED TARIFF

- For the first 586yards (533 metres approx) £3.00
- Each subsequent 195.5yards (177 metres approx) 20.20

OBJECTIONS

Objections to the proposal should be sent in writing to the Licensing Manager at the address below giving the reference LC/11/10. Objections must be received no later than noon on Monday 11 June 2012

COPY OF THIS NOTICE

A copy of this notice can be inspected free of charge at the Civic Centre (see address below) between the hours of 08.30am and 17.00pm, Mondays and Fridays inclusive.

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Planning applications

Notice under Article 8 of the Town & Country Planning (General Development Procedure) Order 1995

Notice under Section 67 and/or Section 73 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990

Notice under Regulation 5 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Regulations 1990

Notice under Regulation 5A of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2004

The following applications have been submitted for consideration by the council:

CA/12/00014/FUL: 4 Argyle Road, Whitstable, CT5 1JS Replacement front windows. **Applicant:** Mrs M McSweeney

Reason: Conservation area,

CA/12/00444/FUL: Sara's Court and The Limes, 80 and 86 Canterbury Road, Whitstable CT5 4HE Replacement upvc windows. **Applicant:** The leaseholders and freeholders of The Limes and Sara's Court **Reason:** Conservation area.

CA/12/00469/FUL: Heymar, Whitstable Road, Herne Bay, CT6 8BL Change of use of land to a touring caravan and campsite including the erection of associated buildings and formation of internal access road. (Revised Scheme). **Applicant:** Heymar Leisure

Reason: Major development.

CA/12/00513/WAR: 42 Victoria Street, Whitstable, CT5 1HZ Retention of dwelling without compliance with conditions 06 and 07 of CA/06/0426/WIL. **Applicant:** Mr Sheldon **Reason:** Conservation area.

CA/12/00650/LB: Trottes House, 19 Pound Lane, Canterbury Alterations to windows and door. **Applicant:** Mr and Mrs Joy

Reason: Work to a listed building.

CA/12/00772/FUL: 79 The Street, Adisham, CT3 3JN Erection of orangery to rear of dwelling. **Applicant:** Mr Jones **Reason:** Setting of listed building in conservation area.

CA/12/00794/FUL: 68 Canterbury Road, Herne Bay, CT6 5SB Change of use of ground floor from retail (use class A1) to hot food takeaway (use class A5). **Applicant:** Rosebel Properties Ltd **Reason:** Conservation area.

CA/12/00797/FUL: 15 Tudor Road, Canterbury, CT1 3SY Formation of new pedestrian access including extension of footpath and associated works. **Applicant:** CLS Partnership **Reason:** Conservation area.

CA/12/00800/FUL: 47 Sydenham Street, Whitstable, CT5 1HN Replacement windows and door to front of dwelling. **Applicant:** Mr D Edwards

Reason: Conservation area.

CA/12/00804/FUL: 56 Whitstable Road, Canterbury, CT2 8DJ Conversion of existing dwelling into four self-contained flats. **Applicant:** Mr Toplis **Reason:** Conservation area.

CA/12/00820/FUL: 35 The Street, Kingston, CT4 5JQ Conservatory to the side of the dwelling. **Applicant:** Mrs J Rule

Reason: Conservation area.

CA/12/00845/FUL: The Rose Garden, Bourne Park, Bourne Park Road, Bishopsbourne, CT4 5BJ Erection of double garage repositioned from planning approval CA/10/1974/FUL. **Applicant:** Ms H P Harrison **Reason:** Conservation area.

CA/12/00860/FUL: 102 High Street, Bridge, CT4 5AR Demolition of existing garage and car port and erection of two and single-storey extensions to side and front including a replacement garage with associated external alterations. **Applicant:** Mr R McCarthy

Reason: Conservation area.

Any representations should be sent in writing to the Head of Planning and Regeneration, Canterbury City Council, Military Road, Canterbury CT1 1YW or e-mailed to development.control@canterbury.gov.uk to arrive on or before **Monday 18 June 2012**.

The weekly list of applications can be viewed on our website at: www.canterbury.gov.uk/dc

Ian Brown, Head of Planning and Regeneration

Friday 25 May 2012

MARRIAGE LICENCES

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
THE MARRIAGE ACT 1949 AND
CIVIL PARTNERSHIP ACT 2004
APPROVED PREMISES FOR
CIVIL MARRIAGES & CIVIL PARTNERSHIPS

An application has been made to Kent County Council to grant a renewal of an approval for the following premises to act as a venue for the solemnisation of civil marriages and civil partnerships:-

Name of Premises: **Walletts Court Hotel, West Cliffe, Dover**
Applicant: **Gavin Oakley**

The application and plan of the premises may be inspected at the address below during normal office hours. Any person may give notice in writing of an objection to the renewal of the grant of approval, together with the reasons, within 21 days from the date of this newspaper. Objections should be sent to the address below.

Cath Anley
Head of Libraries, Registration and Archives
Kent History and Library Centre
James Whatman Way
Maidstone, ME14 1LQ



KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
THE MARRIAGE ACT 1949 AND
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An application has been made to Kent County Council to grant a renewal of an approval for the following premises to act as a venue for the solemnisation of civil marriages and civil partnerships:-

Name of Premises: **Westenhanger Castle, Stone Street, Westenhanger**
Applicant: **John Forge**

The application and plan of the premises may be inspected at the address below during normal office hours. Any person may give notice in writing of an objection to the renewal of the grant of approval, together with the reasons, within 21 days from the date of this newspaper. Objections should be sent to the address below.

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An application has been made to Kent County Council to grant a renewal of an approval for the following premises to act as a venue for the solemnisation of civil marriages and civil partnerships:-

Name of Premises: **The Old Kent Barn, Smersole Farm, Swinfield**
Applicant: **Hilary Simmons**

The application and plan of the premises may be inspected at the address below during normal office hours. Any person may give notice in writing of an objection to the renewal of the grant of approval, together with the reasons, within 21 days from the date of this newspaper. Objections should be sent to the address below.

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An application has been made to Kent County Council to grant an approval for the following premises to act as a venue for the solemnisation of civil marriages and civil partnerships:-

Name of Premises: **Astor Community Theatre, Stanhope Road, Deal**
Applicant: **Mr James Tillitt**

The application and plan of the premises may be inspected at the address below during normal office hours. Any person may give notice in writing of an objection to the grant of an approval, together with the reasons, within 21 days from the date of this newspaper. Objections should be sent to the address below.

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PREMISES/ GOODS LICENCES

PUBLIC NOTICE

Application for Variation of a Premises Licence

We Mid Kent College of Higher and Further Education hereby give notice that we have made an application to the Medway Council, for variation of the following licensable activities:-

To permit extension of the hours for provision of regulated entertainment

To Permit the Performance of Dance

To permit extension of the hours for provision of Late Night Refreshment

To permit extension of the hours for the sale of alcohol

To permit an increase to the licensed areas

To remove or amend conditions on the licence as set out in the application lodged with the council

In respect of the premises situate at Medway Campus, Medway Road, Gillingham, Kent ME1 3LY and known by the sign of Mid Kent College. The application can be viewed at the offices of the Licensing Unit, Medway Council, Gun Wharf, Dock Road, Chatham, Kent ME4 4TR during normal office hours (website address www.medway.gov.uk).

Any person wishing to make representation concerning this application should do so in writing to the above local authority and within 28 consecutive days of the submission of the application, that is no later than 13th June 2012. It is an offence knowingly or recklessly to make a false statement in connection with an application and the maximum fine for which a person is liable on summary conviction for the offence is £5,000.

Stephen Thomas LAW 8, Grassmere, Leybourne, Kent, ME19 5QP. Agents for the applicant

Licence

H. APPS trading as Excell Electrical Event Solutions of 7 Castweazole, Rolvenden Road, Tenterden, Kent TN30 6UA is applying for a licence to use Fridd Farm, Betherden, Ashford, Kent TN26 3DX as an operating centre for 1 goods vehicle and 1 trailer.

Owners or occupiers of land (including buildings) near the operating centre(s) who believe that their use or enjoyment of that land would be affected, should make written representations to the Traffic commissioner at Hillcrest House, 386 Harehills Lane, Leeds, LS9 6NF, stating their reasons, within 21 days of this notice. Representors must at the same time send a copy of their representations to the applicant at the address given at the top of this notice. A Guide to Making Representations is

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PROW - IN THE DISTRICT OF DOVER

NOTICE OF MODIFICATION ORDER

WILDLIFE AND COUNTRYSIDE ACT 1981

DEFINITIVE MAP AND STATEMENT FOR THE COUNTY OF KENT

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (FOOTPATH EE46 (PART AT ASH))

DEFINITIVE MAP MODIFICATION ORDER 2012

The above Order was made on 15th May 2012 under section 53 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981. If confirmed, it will modify the Definitive Map and Statement for the area by deleting the entire width of that section of public footpath EE46, which commences at NGR TR 3480 5982 (point A on the Order plan) and runs in a north-westerly direction for 4 metres, and then in a north-north-easterly direction for 187 metres to NGR TR 3186 6000 (point B) (between the points A-B on the Order plan); and by adding a public footpath number EE46 with a width of 1.2 metres, which commences at the aforementioned point A and runs in a north-north-easterly direction for 190 metres to NGR TR 3187 6000 (point C) (between the points A-C on the Order plan). All distances are approximate, all directions are general.

A copy of the Order and Map may be seen free of charge during normal office hours at the offices of Dover District Council, White Cliffs Business Park, Dover, Kent, CT16 3PG or at the Kent County Council, Countryside Access Service, Invicta House, County Hall, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XX. Copies of the Order and Map may also be purchased there.

Any representation about or objection to the Order must be sent or delivered in writing to Mrs Maria McLauchlan at the Kent County Council (address as below) no later than 9th July 2012. Please state the grounds on which they are made.

Please note that objections/representations cannot be treated as confidential and may come into the public domain. Copies of any objections or representations received may be disclosed to interested parties, including the Planning Inspectorate where the case is referred to it for determination.

If no such representations or objections are duly made to the Order (or to any part of it), or if any so made are withdrawn, the Kent County Council, instead of submitting the Order to the Secretary of State (or part of it if the Authority has by Notice to the Secretary of State so elected under paragraph 5 of schedule 15 to the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981) may itself confirm the Order (or that part of the Order). If the Order is sent to the Secretary of State for the Environment (in whole or in part), any representations or objections which have been duly made and not been withdrawn will be sent with it.

PROW - IN THE DISTRICT OF SHEPWAY

NOTICE OF THE MAKING OF A PUBLIC PATH CREATION AGREEMENT

HIGHWAYS ACT 1980 - SECTION 25

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

DEDICATION OF A PUBLIC BRIDLEWAY AT LYDD

PUBLIC PATH CREATION AGREEMENT

RELATING TO

THE WARDEN AND COLLEGE OF THE SOULS OF ALL FAITHFUL PEOPLE DECEASED IN THE UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD COMMONLY CALL ALL SOULS COLLEGE OXFORD

The above named Agreement, made on 20 January 2012 under Section 25 of the Highways Act 1980, has been made by the Kent County Council. The effect of the Agreement is to:

Upgrade the entire width of that length of public footpath numbered HL15 which commences at its junction with Public Bridleway HL24 at NGR TR 0199 1959 (Point A) and runs in a north-easterly direction for 716 metres to NGR TR 0256 2000 (Point B) at the map edge; and the entire width of that length of public footpath numbered HL15 which commences at NGR TR 0256 2000 (Point B) at the map edge and runs in a north-westerly direction for 24 metres to NGR TR 0256 2002 (Point C) before turning in a north-easterly direction for 49 metres to NGR TR 0259 2005 (Point D) to meet with Public Bridleway HL25.

Between points A-B-C-D on the Order Plan. The route has a width of 3.0 metres and a usable width of 2.0 metres. This upgraded section of path will be renumbered HL49

All distances approximate, all directions general.

A copy of the Public Path Creation Agreement and

This document is available in alternative formats and can be explained in a range of languages.

For further information, please contact
Kent Countryside Access Service,
on 0845 345 0210 (Mon-Fri 8am-8pm)
or visit www.kent.gov.uk/countrysideaccess



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accompanying plans have been placed and may be seen free of charge during normal office hours at the offices of Kent County Council's Countryside Access Service at Invicta House, County Hall, Maidstone, Kent, ME14 1XX. Copies may also be purchased there. Under Section 25 of the Highways Act 1980, there is no right of an objection and the Agreement has taken immediate effect.

For further information please contact:
Matthew Garvey
01622 221971

NOTICE OF PUBLIC LOCAL INQUIRY

WILDLIFE & COUNTRYSIDE ACT 1981 - SECTION 53

Notice is hereby given that an Inspector will be appointed by the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs to determine

Kent County Council
(Public Footpath SD35, West Kingsdown)
Definitive Map Modification Order 2010
and will attend at:

The Old School Building, School Lane, West Kingsdown, Kent, TN15 6JL

On Tuesday 26 June 2012 at 10.00am

To hold a public local inquiry into the Order. The effect of the Order, if confirmed without modifications, will be to modify the Definitive Map and Statement for the area by adding a public footpath commencing on Hever Avenue between properties numbered 10 and 12 (point A on the Order plan) and running in a south-easterly direction for 64.0 metres, this section having an entire width of 4.8 metres including a tarmac pathway of 1.8 metres width. The path then turns in a south-westerly direction and runs for 28.4 metres, this section having a width of 1.9 metres. The path then turns to run in a south-easterly direction again for 43.0 metres to its connection with Church Road (point D on the Order plan), this section having an initial width of 1.9 metres narrowing down to 1.5 metres after 17.0 metres.

Between points A-B-C-D on the Order plan.

Any person wishing to view the statements of case and other documents relating to this Order may do so between 10.00 and 16.00 Monday to Friday by appointment at Kent County Council, Countryside Access Service, Public Rights of Way, Invicta House, County Hall, Maidstone, Kent, ME14 1XX. Contact Mrs Maria McLauchlan, telephone 01622 696871.

Planning Inspectorate Reference: FPS/W2275/7/64

Contact point at the Planning Inspectorate: Caroline Semple, Room 4/05, Kite Wing, Temple Quay House, 2 The Square, Temple Quay, Bristol BS1 6PN.

Tel: 0117 372 8626 Email: caroline.semple@pins.gsi.gov.uk

PROW - IN THE DISTRICT OF SEVENOAKS

NOTICE OF THE MAKING OF AN ORDER TO TEMPORARILY CLOSE PUBLIC FOOTPATH SU35 IN THE PARISH OF SEVENOAKS

PUBLIC FOOTPATH SU35 (PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984, SECTION 14(1), AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Kent County Council has temporarily closed Public Footpath SU35, between the junction with Oak Lane and the junction with Grassy Lane from the 18th May 2012.

The route will be closed for a maximum of six months, although it is expected that it will reopen before 16th October 2012.

The route will be closed because works to re-roof Morning Cottage mean the route will be impassable and there is a likelihood of danger to users.

There is no alternative route.

For detailed enquiries please contact: Mr Sam Honey

Countryside Access Service

Kent County Council

Invicta House

County Hall

Maidstone

Kent

ME14 1XX

Dated: 27th May 2012

HIGHWAYS - Borough of Ashford**CANTERBURY ROAD, BRABOURNE (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of the installation of a new electricity supply cable, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Canterbury Road, Brabourne, on or after 2 June 2012 for up to 3 weeks or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed between the junctions with Pound Lane and Manor Pound Lane.

The alternative route is via Canterbury Road, Plain Road, Bridge Road, Lees Road and Manor Pound Lane.

HIGHWAYS - District of Canterbury**A28 WINCHEAP, CANTERBURY (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of works to provide services and drainage for new development, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on A28 Wincheap, Canterbury, on or after 11 June 2012, as shown below.

The work will be carried out in 2 phases, the first phase being a full time east-bound closure with the second phase being night time closures in both directions.

The start date for the second phase may vary, dependent on progress with the earlier phase.

The closures are between the junctions with Ten Perch Road and Cow Lane, with access only, as far as Hornersham.

The alternative route for both phases is via Ten Perch Road, The Boundary, Cotton Road and Cow Lane.

PHASE 1 - from 11 June 2012, for up to 8 days, Wincheap will be closed to eastbound (Canterbury-bound) traffic.

There will be no entry from Cow Lane into The Boundary except for access for Homebase Deliveries and the Builder Centre.

Traffic leaving Canterbury will be unaffected.

PHASE 2 - Planned to commence from 18 June 2012 Wincheap will be closed in both directions, for up to 3 nights, between 8.00 pm through until 5.00 am the following morning.

A2990 (OLD) THANET WAY, HERNE BAY (40 MPH SPEED LIMIT) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

For the safety of the public and workforce whilst water mains replacement works are being carried out, Kent County Council has made an Order to impose a temporary mandatory speed limit of 40 mph on the A2990 (Old) Thanet Way, Herne Bay.

This affects the section of road from the Chestfield Road Roundabout eastwards to a point approximately 50 metres east of the junction with Westbrook Lane.

This takes effect on or after 28 May 2012 for up to 6 months, or until the works have been completed.

MILL VIEW ROAD, HERNE (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of carriageway repairs, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Mill View Road, Herne, on or after 11 June 2012 for up to 3 weeks or until the works have been completed.

Sections of the road will be closed in phases, with access to Strode Park maintained from at least one of its junctions.

The alternative route for through traffic is via Mill Lane, School Lane, Herne Street and Canterbury Road.

HIGHWAYS - District of Dover**BACK STREET, RINGWOLD, DEAL (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of carriageway resurfacing, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Back Street, Ringwold, Deal, on or after 12 June 2012 for up to 3 days, between 8.00 am and 7.00 pm. The road will be closed for its entire length.

The alternative route is via Front Street.

PARDONERS WAY & PILGRIMS WAY, DOVER (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of works to renew water pipes and install meters, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Pardoners Way & Pilgrims

Way, Buckland, Dover, on or after 28 May 2012 as shown below.

PARDONERS WAY will be closed for its entire length, from 28 May 2012 for up to 2 weeks.

The alternative route is via Pilgrims Way, Parsons Way, Weavers Way and Squires Way.

PILGRIMS WAY will be closed on or after 7 June 2012 for up to 3 weeks.

The closure will be between the junctions with Friars Way and Shipmans Way.

The alternative route is via Friars Way, Weavers Way, Old Park Hill and Pilgrims Way.

The dates of the phases are approximate and may vary according to weather and ground conditions

HIGHWAYS - Borough of Gravesham**LEYWOOD ROAD, MEOPHAM (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of Electrical power cable up-grade, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Leywood Road, Meopham, on or after 11 June 2012 for up to 2 weeks or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed.

There will be no access for through traffic from the top section of Leywood Road near the junction of Luxon Road.

The alternative route is via Lockyers Hill, Strawberry Hill, Dean Lane and White Horse Lane.

PRIESTWOOD ROAD, MEOPHAM (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of BT work to access a underground structure to allow a new customer connection , Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Priestwood Road, Meopham , on or after 14 June 2012 for up to 1 day or until the works have been completed.

Priestwood Road will be closed at the Junction with Chandlers Road.

Through traffic will be directed around the works via the island in Chandlers Road at junction with Priestwood Road

WHITE HORSE LANE, HARVEL ROAD, ERSKINE ROAD, HARVEL ROAD AND COMMORITY ROAD (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of Harvel 5 Mile Running Race, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on White Horse Lane, Harvel Road, Erskine Road, Harvel Road and Commosity Road, on or after 2 June 2012 for up to 1 day or until the Event has been completed and again on the 1st June 2013.

The roads closed will be White Horse Lane, Harvel Road, Erskine Road, Harvel Road and Commosity Road.

There will be no access for through traffic, The duration of the Closure for the above roads will be from 1:45pm to 3:15pm

HIGHWAYS - Borough of Maidstone**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (A249 SITTINGBOURNE ROAD/DETLING HILL AND OTHER ROADS AT DETLING/THURNHAM/STOCKBURY) (TRAFFIC SPEED AND TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012****THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

NOTICE is hereby given that because of the likelihood of danger to the public using a road the Kent County Council has made an Order restricting traffic speed, the regulation of traffic and the use by traffic as described below. The order shall come into operation at times when required on 2nd/3rd/4th/5th June 2012 and 13th/14th/15th July 2012.

Schedule (The Speed limits and Traffic Regulations)

1. Traffic in excess of 40 mph shall be prohibited as follows:-

- (i) On Detling Hill, Detling/Sittingbourne Road, Thurnham/Stockbury between the existing permanent 50 mph speed restriction at a point 480 metres north east of the junction with Scragged Oak Road to the turning for Detling Aerodrome Industrial Estate on the north east bound carriageway and from the Lily Spice restaurant on the south west bound carriageway.
- (ii) Traffic in excess of 50 mph shall be prohibited from The Lily Spice restaurant to the right hand turn into Detling Aerodrome Industrial Estate and then prohibited to 40 mph to the top of Detling Hill.

(iii) Traffic in excess of 40 mph shall be prohibited on Sittingbourne Road/Detling Hill, Detling/Thurnham/Stockbury in both directions between its junction with the M20 roundabout (junction 7) and the M2 roundabout (junction 5).

2. No person shall, except upon the direction of a Police Officer, cause or permit a vehicle to:-

- (i) Carry out a right hand turn from A249 south west bound into Scragged Oak Road.
- (ii) Carry out a right hand turn from Scragged Oak Road onto the A249 south west bound.
- (iii) Carry out a right hand turn from A249 northbound into South Green Lane.
- (iv) Carry out a right hand turn or "U" turn on the A249 northbound at its junction with Rumstead Lane.
- (v) Carry out a right hand turn from A249 southbound into Aerodrome Approach.
- (vi) Carry out a right hand turn from A249 southbound into Chalky Road.
- (vii) Carry out a right hand turn from A249 southbound into Church Hill.
- (viii) Carry out a right hand turn from A249 southbound into Honeycrock Hill.
- (ix) Carry out a right hand turn from Pett Lane northbound onto A249.

3. The alternative routes for traffic affected by 2(i), 2(ii), 2(iii), 2(iv), (v), (vi), (vii), (viii), (ix) above are either:-

- (i) via the roundabout at junction 5 of the M2 motorway
- (ii) via the roundabout at junction 7 of the M20 motorway

FARELIGH HILL, TOVIL (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because it is necessary to replace manholes, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Farleigh Hill, Tovil, on or after 11 June 2012 for up to 3 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed at the junction with Straw Mill Hill.

The alternative route is via Burial Ground Lane, Tovil Green, Lower Tovil, Church Street, Tovil Hill.

GRAVELY BOTTOM ROAD, LEEDS (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of CCTV works on sewers, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Gravelly Bottom Road, Leeds, on or after 13 June 2012 for up to 8 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed outside Ulverscroft.

The alternative route is via Gravelly Bottom Road, Broomfield Road, Park Barn Road, Burberry Lane, Upper Street, Ulcombe Road, Gravelly Bottom Road.

GRAVELY WAYS, YALDING (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of maintenance works, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Gravelly Ways, Yalding, on or after 12 June 2012 for up to 3 nights between 23.30hrs and 05.40hrs or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed at the Beltring Level Crossing.

The alternative route is via Beltring Road, A228 Branbridges Road/Boyle Road, B2015 Maidstone Road, B2162 Hampstead Lane, Lees Road, Gravelly Ways.

HEADCORN ROAD LENHAM (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because BT have requested safe access to underground structure for cabling works, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on

Headcorn Road Lenham, on or after 11 June 2012 for up to 1 day or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed.

There will be no access for through traffic between the junctions of Green Lane along Headcorn Lane to the junction of Lenham road for the entire length .

The alternative route is via Via Green Lane , Lenham Road.

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (HEREFORD ROAD, SHEPWAY) (PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

NOTICE is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on Hereford Road on or after Monday 28th May 2012 for a period of up to 2 days or until such works are complete. The alternative route is via Northumberland Road, Cambridge Crescent, Nottingham Avenue. KCC Highways apologise for any inconvenience caused by these essential works that are necessary to carry out carriageway repairs. Should you require any further information about these works, the contact is Graham White on 08458 247 800.

SIMMONDS LANE, OTHAM (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because it is necessary to lay a high voltage cable, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Simmonds Lane, Otham, on or after 11 June 2012 for up to 5 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed outside Foxgloves.

The alternative route is via Honey Lane, White Horse Lane.

STEPS HILL ROAD (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of verge protection works, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Steps Hill Road, on or after 28 May 2012 for up to 1 week or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed from Chalky Road to A249 Detling Hill.

The alternative route is via Chalky Road, A249 Detling Hill.

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (VARIOUS ROADS, MAIDSTONE) (PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC, BAN RIGHT TURN, SUSPEND ONE WAY ORDER) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Notice is hereby given that because works are being carried out on or near the road Kent County Council intends to make an Order restricting the use by vehicular traffic on the routes described in schedule below.

Stone St phase 2 and 3 traffic orders**Phase 2 Mid June - October****LOWER STONE ST AND HALE RD**

	As required and indicated by signs 1st July 2012 - 26th October 2012	Division
1	Close Romney Place	Padsole Lane Mote Rd
2	Close Lower Stone St (night closure 2230 - 0500)	Romney Place Padsole Lane Mote Rd
3	Ban right turn into Knightrider St*	Romney Place Padsole Lane and Mote Rd
4	Close Mote Rd slip from Lower Stone St (night only)*	Romney Place Padsole Lane

For further information, please contact

Kent County Council Highways and Transportation,

on 08458 247 800 (local rate)

or visit www.kent.gov.uk/highways



5	Close Cambell Rd at junction with Hayle Rd and suspend one way order between Hayle Rd and Muir Rd*	Muir Rd, Old Tovil Rd, Upper Stone St, Sheals Crescent, Postley Rd, Hayle Rd
6	Close Old Tovil Rd (E) at junction with Hayle Rd/ Postley Rd and suspend one way order between Hayle Rd and Muir Rd*	Hayle Rd Mill St Palace Ave Lower Stone St Upper Stone St Cambell Rd Muir Rd

* provisional orders to be used if necessary after site investigation

Phase 3 October - March 2013

Upper Stone St

CLOSURES	Division
As required and indicated by signs 26th October 2012 - 31st March 2013	
7 Foster St at Junction with Upper Stone St	Brunswick St Priory Rd
8 Brunswick St at Junction with Upper Stone St	Foster St and Priory Rd
9 George St at Junction with Upper Stone St*	Brunswick St
10 Campbell Rd at Junction with Upper Stone St suspend one way order between Upper Stone St and Rawdon Rd*	Upper Stone St, Sheals Crescent, Postley Rd Old Tovil Rd, Rawdon Rd
11 Brunswick St East from Upper Stone St to Melville Rd Waterloo St at junction with Upper Stone St suspend no entry at east end	East bound Upper Stone St Waterloo St Kingsley Rd Melville Rd Westbound Melville Rd Mote Rd and Upper Stone St
12	Brunswick St Kingsley Rd
13 Upper Stone St from Mote Rd to Waterloo St (Night only 2230 - 0500)	Through Traffic - Mote Rd, Watt Tyler Way, Ashford Rd, Willington St, Sutton Rd, Loose Rd Local Traffic (no HGV) Mote Rd, Hastings Rd, Waterloo St, - suspend No Entry Waterloo St at junction with Kingsley Rd
14 College Walk Footpath*	Priory Rd, Mill St, College Rd

* provisional orders to be used if necessary after site investigation

The Order will become effective on 11th June 2012 and will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months. These restrictions will be effective as and when required and the appropriate signage is in place.

HIGHWAYS - District of Sevenoaks

CROCKENHILL LANE, EYNFSORD - (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council has made an Order restricting the use by vehicular traffic on Crockenhill Lane, Eynsford to Sparepenny Lane, Farningham.

The Order will become effective on 27th May 2012 and will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months; the works are planned to commence on 28th May 2012 and will last 3 days. These restrictions will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative route for the above restriction will be via: Wested Lane, Swanley, B2173 London Road, Swanley, A20 London Road A20 Main Road, Farningham, A225 Eynsford Road, Eynsford, A225 High Street, Eynsford, Riverside Eynsford, Sparepenny Lane, Eynsford.

The purpose of the closure is to facilitate carriageway patching.

SCRATCHERS LANE - (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council has made an Order restricting the use by vehicular traffic on Scratches Lane, Fawkham at the junction with Gorse Hill for 50m and Brands Hatch Paddock entrance.

The Order will become effective on 27th May 2012 and will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months; the works are planned to commence on 28th May 2012 and will last 2 days.

These restrictions will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative route for the above restriction will be via: Gorse Hill, London Road, Fawkham Road also Speedgate Hill, Valley and Brands Hatch Road.

The purpose of the closure is to facilitate carriageway surfacing works.

SUN HILL, FAWKHAM (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Due to allowing safe access for electricity pole shift, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Sun Hill, Fawkham, on or after 28 May 2012 for up to 3 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed for the whole length.

There will be no access for through traffic from the junction of Three Gates Road to the junction with Valley Road, Longfield.

The alternative route is via Three Gates Road, Speedgate Hill, Valley Road.

HIGHWAYS - District of Shepway

VARIOUS ROADS, FOLKESTONE AND SEA BROOK AREAS (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER JUNE 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of carriageway patching works, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on various roads in the Folkestone Area, as shown below.

Planned closure times are between 9.00 am and 4.30 pm.

ALBION ROAD, FOLKESTONE will be closed on 11 June 2012 for up to 2 days.

The closure is in the vicinity of the junction with Fernbank Crescent.

The alternative route is via Linden Crescent and Canterbury Road.

AUDLEY ROAD, FOLKESTONE will be closed on 18 June 2012 for 1 day.

The closure is between Shorncliffe Road and Croft Lane The alternative route is via Shorncliffe Road, Coolinge Lane and Croft Lane.

GRIMSTON GARDENS, FOLKESTONE will be closed on 18 June 2012 for 1 day.

The closure is on the eastern section of the road, to the north of the T-junction.

Access remains from the remainder of the road.

NAILDOWN CLOSE, SEABROOK will be closed on 18 June 2012 for up to 2 days.

There is no alternative route as the road is a cul-de-sac. Access will be maintained whenever it is safe to do so, but there are likely to be some times when this is not possible, due to the use of machinery.

HIGHWAYS - District of Swale

MINTCHING WOOD LANE AND RAWLING STREET, MILSTEAD (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of phone cabling works in the carriageway, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Mintching Wood Lane and Rawling Street, Milstead, on or after 11 June 2012, as shown below.

MINTCHING WOOD LANE will be closed from 11 June 2012 for up to 3 days

The closure is in the vicinity of Walnut Tree Cottages, with no through access between the junctions with Wood Lane and Bluetown Lane.

The alternative route is via Wood Lane, Manor Road and Bluetown Lane.

RAWLING STREET will be closed on 14 June 2012 for up to 1 day.

The closure is between Lion Farm Cottages and The Larches, with no through access between the junctions with Mintching Wood Lane (north of the M2) and Cheney Hill.

The alternative route is via Broadoak Road, Bottom Pond Road and Cheney Hill.

POOT LANE, UPCHURCH (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of carriageway patching works, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Poot Lane, Upchurch, on or after 28 May 2012 for up to 3 days, between 9.30 am and 3.30 pm.

The road will be closed between the junctions with Shoregate Lane and The Street (Twinney Lane).

The alternative route is via The Street and the remainder of Poot Lane.

HIGHWAYS - District of Thanet

EPPEL ROAD, BIRCHINGTON (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

To enable a bridge safety inspection to be carried out, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Eppele Road, Birchington, on or after 11 June 2012 between 10.00 pm and 6.00 am. The road will be closed in the vicinity of the railway bridge.

The alternative route is via Eppele Road, Alpha Road, Station Approach, Rossetti Road, Eppele Bay Road and Cross Road.

SANDWICH ROAD, RAMSGATE & CANTERBURY ROAD WEST, MINSTER / MANSTON (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

To enable the construction of traffic calming measures, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Sandwich Road, Ramsgate & Canterbury Road West, Minster / Manston.

This Order takes effect on or after 11 June 2012 for up to 2 months.

Closures of Sandwich Road and Canterbury Road West will take place on various nights, between 8.00 pm through until 6.00 am, with specific dates notified one week beforehand.

Only one of the roads will be closed at any one time.

SANDWICH ROAD, RAMSGATE (formerly A256) will be closed to through traffic between Ebbsfleet Roundabout and Lord of the Manor Junction.

The alternative route is via A256 Richborough Way and A299 Hengist Way

CANTERBURY ROAD WEST, MINSTER / MANSTON (formerly A299) will be closed to through traffic between Cliffsend Roundabout and Lord of the Manor Junction.

The alternative route is via A299 Hengist Way.

ST PAUL'S ROAD, CLIFTONVILLE (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

To allow electricity cabling repairs to be carried out, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on St Paul's Road, Cliftonville, on or after 11 June 2012 for up to 1 week or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed at the junction with Sweeny Road.

There is no alternative route. The One-way Traffic Order will be suspended to allow access up to where the road is closed.

ST PETER'S FOOTPATH, MARGATE (PROHIBITION OF WAITING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

For the safety of the public, Kent County Council has made an Order to prohibit waiting at all times on St Peter's Footpath, Margate, in the turning area opposite Drapers Mills Primary School, as defined below.

The specific section of St Peter's Footpath affected is on the northern side, from a point 20 metres south-east of the south-eastern boundary of number 7, for a distance of 20 metres south-eastwards into the turning area.

This Order takes effect on or after 28 May 2012 for up to 6 months or until superseded by a permanent Traffic Regulation Order.

HIGHWAYS - District of Tonbridge and Malling

A22 SEVEN MILE LANE, EAST PECKHAM (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of street cleansing, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting traffic travelling at

any speed greater than 30mph on A228 Seven Mile Lane, East Peckham between A26 Tonbridge Road and A228 Boyle Way on or after 16 June 2012 for up to 16 days or until the works have been completed.

COMP LANE, PLATT (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of cabling works, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Comp Lane, Platt, on or after 11 June 2012 for up to 12 days or until the works have been completed.

The alternative route is via Long Mill Lane, A25 Maidstone Road, A20 London Road, B2016 Seven Mile Lane.

WELL STREET, EAST MALLING (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because it is necessary to replace a telegraph pole and provide a new water connection, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Well Street, East Malling, on or after 11 June 2012 for up to 5 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed from Broadwater Road to outside 177.

The alternative route is via Clare Lane, Mill Street, Waterbury Road, Pikey Lane.

HIGHWAYS - Tonbridge & Malling & Sevenoaks

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (VARIOUS ROADS, SEAL & IGTHAM) (VARIOUS SPEED LIMITS) ORDER 2012

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984

Notice is hereby given that the KENT COUNTY COUNCIL acting as the local traffic authority proposes to make the above named Order under section 82 and 84 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, (hereinafter called "the Act") and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with the Chief Officer of Police in accordance with paragraph 20 of Part III of Schedule 9 to the said Act of 1984.

The effect of the proposed Order will introduce the following speed limits on the following road or lengths of road;

Schedule 1 (Road subject to a speed limit of 30 mph)

A25 High Street, Seal (A25), from its junction with School Lane for a distance of 380 metres in a generally easterly direction.

Schedule 2 (Roads subject to a speed limit of 50 mph)

A25 Maidstone Road, Seal, A25 Sevenoaks Road and A25 Igham by-pass from a point 380 metres east of its junction with School Lane to a point 170 metres northeast of Oldbury Lane.

A copy of the proposed Order, statement of the Council's reasons for proposing to make the Order, a map indicating the location and the effect and a copy of any other Orders which will be amended by the proposed Order may be examined at the Offices of Sevenoaks District Council, Argyle Road, Sevenoaks and at Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council, Gibson Drive, West Malling and at Kent County Council, Sessions House, County Road, Maidstone during normal opening hours.

If you wish to offer support for, or object to the proposed Order you should send your grounds for your observations, quoting the name of the Order and stating their reasons in writing to the Traffic Schemes and Member Highway Fund Manager, Kent Highway Services, Ashford Highway Depot, Javelin Way, Ashford, Kent. TN24 8AD or by email to tro@kent.gov.uk by 27th June 2012.

John Burr
Director Kent Highways
Invicta House
County Hall,
Maidstone
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Dated 27th May 2012

For further information, please contact

Kent County Council Highways and Transportation,

on 08458 247 800 (local rate)

or visit www.kent.gov.uk/highways





From a struggle for survival to big ambitions, theatre is moving forward

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THE INTERVIEW

Andrew Eyre

'I want us in the premier league'

THE Stag Theatre in Sevenoaks has had more ups and downs than an over-zealous see-saw-rider, having suffered two closures, two reopenings and the seemingly-unshakable threat of demolition lurking for more than 10 years.

But as the British economy struggles to come to terms with a double-dip recession, Stag bosses have come up with a plan to make sure their theatre is both sustainable and cost-effective.

The man charged with overseeing the Stag's return to glory is new general manager Andrew Eyre, but the Sevenoaks town councillor is under no illusion about the challenges facing many local and regional theatres.

He said: "When we first started the Stag up again, we looked to find someone to run it, but we basically failed because all the people who came forward wanted to run it in their own way, in a very traditional loss-making way.

"Most regional theatres in this country are run by the council and by large grants from the local council.

"Sevenoaks town has 18,000 people – it cannot provide what would be a typical £300,000-a-year grant like other theatres. There are other places in Kent that have up to half-a-million-pound grants per year and clearly a small town like this cannot justify that.

"We recognised very early on that unless this was resurrected it would get razed to the ground. It would be demolished and therefore we saw it as an iconic part of the development of Sevenoaks."

And that is how the new plans for the theatre started. Eyre has lived in Sevenoaks with his wife and children for more than 20 years and is looking forward to the Stag getting back to the vibrant community-led venue it once was.

He said: "When we sat down to talk about it, we didn't want to have to justify the grant – we wanted to make a completely new business model. We would run it how the town council runs its other places, like a hall hire. We want people to come and make profit from the Stag.

"The usual idea for theatres is that councils split the box-office money with the promoter. They pay the promoter to come to the theatre in the first place and in order to do that they take a cut of the profits, but the theatre takes the risk

Theatre's general manager explains to **Joe Bill** how a town venue that was struggling for its mere existence now has big ambitions



EYES ON THE FUTURE: Andrew Eyre has implemented a new business model at The Stag Theatre

as well. That is the reason this place went bust twice before, because people took bad risks. And we as a town council are not prepared to do that.

"What we wanted to do was to change it – we are giving promoters the chance to come in and make more of the money.

"The promoters take the extra profit. They have the standard, static costs to pay for use of the theatre, but then they go and make the extra."

The Stag team has already started a popular monthly comedy night, Outside The Box, which

has attracted big names including Russell Kane, Stephen K Amos and Angelos Epithemou. They have also confirmed a panto for this Christmas, starring Shane Lynch from Boyzone.

Eyre said: "When national tours come to us and say 'What do you mean, you're not paying us anything?', we say 'Come and take the opportunity – if you're so confident of your show, come and take all the profit'.

"So the promoters come here and say 'We made a lot of money there – let's go back again', which has now happened on many occasions."

Eyre got involved in the theatre during his

stint as the town's chairman for open spaces and has had experience of bringing leisure activities to Sevenoaks.

"I first got involved in civic duties through my local residents' association due to parking issues. From that, I got involved with the town council and became a councillor in 2007. We did a lot of work with open and green spaces, forestry and public places and managed to get out some new play areas for young people. I spearheaded the skate park at Greatness Park."

The theatre's new-found impetus has also seen positive results around the town, with businesses and the council profiting from bums on seats.

"The Stag is becoming much better known for its regional visibility and people are starting to come to us. The town council has a commitment to make it the best market town in Kent and we saw the Stag was central to the cultural part of that. It has proved a central part of the night-time economy.

"We have lots of real and anecdotal evidence of restaurants having to put on extra shifts and tables because of people coming here."

The team will still look to put on a range of shows at the theatre to draw in a mix of punters, but Eyre insists that he will not necessarily determine the programme – rather, it will be seen what promoters have to offer.

"There will be a balance. We do have aims to put on as broad a list of shows as possible, but we do not promote. And that is one of the things we are getting over to national promoters and the people of Sevenoaks – they now realise that this is a good way to run a theatre. The Stag was closed, it was dark, it was in danger of being knocked down. Not now."

"In the next five years I want to be in the premier league, have both a regional and national presence and show that Sevenoaks as a small market town can have a big theatre presence."

■ **For more information on what is showing at The Stag Theatre, visit www.stagsevenoaks.co.uk or phone the box office on 01732 450175.**

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Fruit and veg puts children on the starting blocks to make an Olympian masterpiece

YOUNGSTERS are choosing their tools wisely ahead of the Create A Fruit & Veg Masterpiece contest.

To celebrate the arrival of the 2012 Olympics in London, local food and drink champions

Produced in Kent are asking primary-school children to create their own foodscape pictures using Kentish produce.

RJ Kingsland & Son, one of three sponsors behind the competition, has already provided a vanload of locally-grown fruit and vegetables to the children at Loose Infant School, near Maidstone, to help them in their endeavours.

Year Groups One and Two created some fabulous sports scenes with their produce as they geared up for the 2012 contest.

Simon Kingsland, managing director of RJ Kingsland, who described last year's competition as a "huge success", said: "From field and track to other major sports at London 2012, the children have created some wonderful fruit and veg masterpieces and I wish them all the best of luck as they enter their pictures into the competition."

"Educating young children to enjoy fruit and vegetables from an early age is the stepping stone to a healthy future. As a company we are totally committed to supporting Kent produce and local farmers. This competition is original and inspired and just what the county needs."



CRUNCH! Simon Kingsland of RJ Kingsland provided children the raw materials for their works of art

The county-wide art competition, which is supported by Archant KOS Media, is open to all primary-school-aged children to enter.

The Produced in Kent competition has been made a reality by the sponsorship support of abm Catering, Hadlow College and RJ Kingsland & Son, as well as by funding from the Kent 2012 Small Grants Fund.

The challenge is simple: children can only use produce grown in the Garden of England during the early summer.

The three best entries in both the individual and group categories will be fast-tracked to a

live final at Broadview Gardens, Hadlow College, on Friday, June 29.

The winners will be awarded gold, silver or bronze medals and a bumper selection of prizes, including framed foodscape pictures entitled London Skyline and the book My 10 Olympic Days, by the Olympic double-gold-medallist and Kent athlete Dame Kelly Holmes.

Entrants simply need to email a photo of their picture to the judges at events@producedinkent.co.uk before the deadline of Monday, June 11. You can visit the website www.producedinkent.co.uk for more details.



What a week at Marquis!

THIS weekend sees National Vegetarian Week draw to a close. It has been seven days during which the astonishing development in meat-free cuisine has been celebrated in a riot of creativity – and nowhere more than at The Marquis At Alkham, near Folkestone.

Here, chef Charles Lakin has been treating guests at the venue, which took the title of Restaurant Of The Year at this year's Taste Of Kent Awards, to a six-course vegetarian tasting menu at both lunch and dinner.

Giving the lie to the increasingly-hackneyed notion that vegetarian fare is bland or dull, Lakin's glittering menu features spinach velouté, pennywort and celeriac salad, lightly-curried carrot pannacotta, poached duck egg, wild mushroom pavé and banana soufflé.

"Being based in Kent, the Marquis kitchen benefits enormously from having passionate farmers and foragers living and working in the vicinity," said Lakin.

"For every superb piece of meat or fish that comes through our door, we'll have just as exciting a delivery from our forager of hedgerow leaves, mushrooms or wild herbs that we hadn't thought to use before. As a chef, I can't fail to be inspired by this."

"These days, there's no feeling among chefs that a vegetarian dish is somehow second best."

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KENT ATTRACTIONS



Royal rumblin' Bruiser Finlay is fit to fight

**Assembly Hall Theatre,
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Saturday, June 9
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THERE will be a royal rumble rampage at the Assembly Hall next month in celebration of the Queen's Jubilee. All Star Wrestling will feature high-flying, all-action stars

from around the country as well as former WWE superstar Dave 'Fit' Finlay, left. There is already a buzz among fans after the announcement that the series will see the return to British action of Belfast bruiser Finlay. You can see extreme top-rope action featuring Danny Collins, one-time tag partner of wrestling legend Big Daddy, as well as Mikey Whiplash, Rampage Brown and TNA's 'star attraction' Mark Haskins. Tickets are on sale now (adults £15, children £10 and a £45 family offer).

Take a bow Fire your way to free course

Quex Park, Birchington
Sunday, May 27
01843 842168
www.quxmuseum.org

THE bow and arrow has featured in history for thousands of years, and on Sunday visitors to Quex Park can try the ancient skill of archery under the watchful

eye and guidance of members of Thanet Archery Club. The club is offering a free beginners' course to the winner of a competition shoot-off. Members will demonstrate their skills and show a full range of equipment, from basic training bow to Olympic-standard kit. One of the fastest-growing sports in the UK, archery attracts young and old alike, able-bodied and disabled people, all competing together. Tickets are priced at £7 for adults, £5 for children and £20 for a family.



Rock on to the Olympic torch Coming soon..

Leeds Castle, Maidstone
Thursday, July 19
www.ticketmaster.co.uk/
LeedsCastleOlympicTorch Event

THE Olympic torch will pass through Leeds Castle on its way to London in July and the entertainment will be rocking. The event will include a cauldron-lighting ceremony, a set by Rizzle Kicks, street entertainment and music acts from the Olympic sponsors.

From 5pm until 7.30pm the show will include a musical production by local performers telling the story of Maidstone. Local residents will get preference for the tickets, with 80 per cent going to people who have a Maidstone borough postcode. The tickets will be free, with a single transaction cost of £2.50, and are available now. The event will be screened live in Mote Park, which will host the finals of Maidstone's Got Talent, Shaun Williamson and Alvin Stardust.



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He's a Medway man Billy Childish is stuck

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MEDWAY icon and celebrated painter, writer and musician Billy Childish has spent 35 years developing an impressive body of work. As a young man in 1976, the co-founder of the Stuckism art movement spent six months working as an apprentice stonemason at Chatham dockyard, and he now returns as official artist in residence with an exhibition of striking new paintings, drawings and prints at The Historic Dockyard's gallery, No 1 Smithery. Frozen Estuary And Other Paintings Of The Divine Ordinary will also feature a selection of Childish's recorded and written work, along with other background material relating to his life and times in Medway.

Indoor festival Huge Jubilee street party

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Thu, May 31-Mon, June 4
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Brewery town fringe festival Meet the arts

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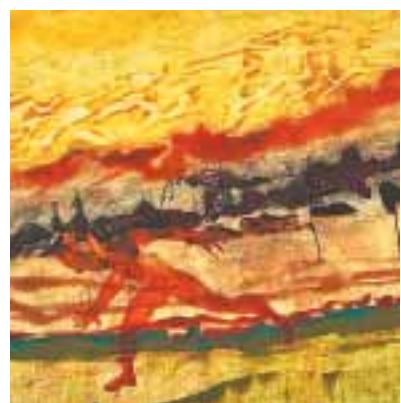
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www.favershamfestival.org

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There will be an art exhibition from the Matters Group, together with photographer Peter Smith and Susanna Rostini, who specialises in photography on canvas. Relax in the sunshine with lunchtime concerts in the marketplace on Thursday and Friday, June 21-22, from 10am to 5pm.



Spanish feast of English art Roy Trollope

Georges House Gallery, Folkestone

Fri, May 25-Wed, June 6
www.roytrollope.co.uk

UNFINISHED Journey is a collection of paintings and collages with a Spanish theme from artist Roy Trollope. The work will be on show for the first time in this country

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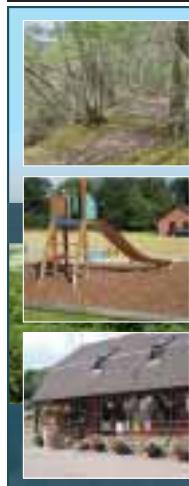
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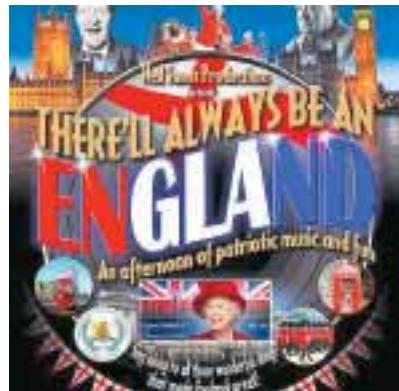
Tunbridge Wells Forum

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WILKO Johnson, guitarist and founding member of Dr Feelgood, is embarking on a UK tour.

The man who has been quoted as a big influence on The Clash frontman Joe Strummer will be accompanied on tour by Norman Watt-Roy on bass guitar and Dylan Howe on drums. Johnson made his name in 1971 when he formed British pub-rock band Dr Feelgood. Known for their high-energy live performances, their first studio album, 1974's Down By The Jetty, proved hugely popular before the 1976 live record Stupidity reached top spot in the UK album chart. Johnson left the group to pursue a solo career, then joined Ian Dury And The Blockheads.

Johnson has recently been seen as the royal executioner in TV's Game Of Thrones.



Cassandra Clare writes... Book-signing

Waterstones, Bluewater

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INTERNATIONAL best-selling teen-fiction author Cassandra Clare will be signing her latest novel in the Mortal Instruments series at Bluewater.

The American will be meeting fans at the Waterstones store and autographing copies of City Of Lost Souls.

Clare's series of Mortal Instruments has a huge fan base of young adults, selling more than six million copies in the US, with 10 million copies in print worldwide. Her books have been translated into 34 languages.

The author's success has meant a big-budget film of the first in the series, City Of Bones. It has been planned with producer Robert Kulzer, with filming to start in August.

A proper royal knees-up... England rejoice!

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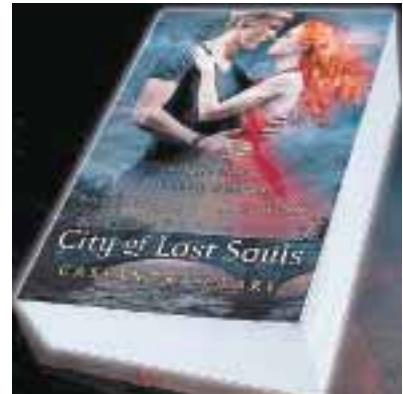
Birds Of A Feather Chigwell girls return

The Churchill Theatre, Bromley

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AS one of the most popular sitcoms of the 90s, it is no wonder that eventually there would be calls for Birds Of A Feather to return in some capacity.

And, now reborn as a stage show, it returns with original stars Pauline Quirke, Linda Robson and Leslie Joseph all signing up for the gig. You can join sisters Sharon and Tracey and their sex-mad neighbour Dorien in a new production from the writers of the successful stage adaptation of Victoria Wood's Dinnerladies. The show takes off where the series ended. Set in Chigwell, it chronicled the misadventures of Sharon Theodopopoulos and Tracey Stubbs and ran for almost 10 years until 1998.



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The team prides itself on being family-friendly, offering a warm and welcoming atmosphere and offering real ales and wines. The small farm has rabbits, guinea pigs, chickens... and Crackling the micro-pig!

Celebrate the Queen's Jubilee at the Waggon with a garden party on Monday, June 4, with a BBQ, bouncy castle and three-course meal including a glass of sparkling wine for £19.95.

Afternoon tea at only £14 per couple includes freshly-prepared traditional finger sandwiches, warm scones served with jam and clotted cream, traditional cakes and a glass of sparkling wine... plus music from Gracie Duo from 7pm.

On Wednesday, June 6, there is a charity quiz night in aid of Cancer Research from 8pm.

Sunday, June 10, sees the Race For Life celebration to support those taking on the challenge, while on Sunday, June 17, there is a Father's Day three-course meal offer at £16.95.

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Dessert: Chocolate-and-cherry mousse.

Across the county

A romantic meal on the river or a lively evening out... The Barge offers the lot

OPPORTUNITIES to try something different don't come along all that often, so a meal on The Barge in Maidstone should be grabbed with both hands.

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Floating on the scenic River Medway at the rear of the stunning Archbishop's Palace, The Barge is a permanently-moored vessel offering modern European cuisine, a friendly atmosphere and excellent service.

The eatery offers 80 covers split over two rooms, with a quayside view and a spectacular additional 60 covers for relaxed alfresco dining during the warm spring and summer evenings.

It boasts a brigade of Michelin-trained chefs who specialise in using ingredients from around Kent and Sussex. The main staple of all their dishes is a range of fresh meats, game and groceries from Kentish producers.

All the seafood comes fresh straight off the



boats and is delivered every morning, fresh from the famous fishery Griggs of Hythe.

The Barge is launching two new menus from the end of May offering exceptional quality at unbeatable value for money.

A new quayside lunch and Sunday menu has

two courses from £12 and three courses from £14.95. There is a new Riverside evening menu offering two courses from £15.95 and three courses at £19.50.

One of the best things about the venue is that it is the perfect choice for a light, bright family meal with loved ones and also an intimate setting for a couple's romantic dinner date.

The Barge is open for lunch between Tuesday and Saturday, midday to 2.30pm for the last seating. Lunch on Sunday is between midday and 3pm.

During the evenings the restaurant is open Tuesday to Saturday from 8pm-9.30pm. Weather permitting, there will be outdoor barbecue days on Saturdays and Sundays throughout the summer.

■ The Barge, River Medway, The Archbishop's Palace, Maidstone ME15 6YE (phone 0808 1661024, web www.the-barge.co.uk)



Local café offers range of creative fare and top food

THE Pulse Café and Meeting Place is a stone's throw from Sittingbourne town centre and offers a place where people can feel engaged and connected to each other and their community.

The café is managed and run by Skillnet Group CIC and is an ideal location for a mixture of events of interest to the community where people can meet and enjoy excellent food and drink.

It serves a fresh wholesome menu including great coffee, delicious cakes, seasonal salads, curry, sandwiches and wraps and an ever-changing specials board. The team is committed to using locally-sourced quality ingredients.

Not only will you be able to pop in for a cuppa and a healthy snack, but your creative appetite will also be catered for as the café will showcase local art.

Michelle, manager at The Pulse, said: "There are a lot of pubs and cafés in Sittingbourne but nowhere for parents with young children to go for good-quality drinks and healthy snacks at an affordable price."

"We would love to hear from any local artists who would like to showcase their work or run workshops during the day, or any volunteers who would like to serve in the café."

All food and drink is suitable for vegetarians and there are gluten-free and vegan options.

The Pulse is open Monday-Friday from 9.30am-3.30pm.

■ The Pulse Café, 29 Park Road, Sittingbourne, Kent ME10 1DR (01795 599899, website www.skillnetgroup.co.uk)

Aviator's new menu gets the folk flying in

THE Aviator pub and grill in Queenborough on the Isle of Sheppey has all the aspects of a lively, family-friendly local.

With a children's play area and quiz nights every week, this Sheppey eatery is well known for its hospitality and reasonably-priced food.

Situated just off the A249, The Aviator offers plenty of parking as well as good lagers and ales as it remains a Shepherd Neame pub.

The eatery has just launched its new menu, offering top dishes as well as wines to complement each meal.

To start, why not choose from BBQ chicken skewers, sea-salt-and-pepper-dusted whitebait, or even fresh smoked salmon and prawn bruschetta? For mains there is a number of mouthwatering options, including the prime British burgers like the Cheddar cheese B52 or the stilton-and-mushroom devastator.

If you're looking for something from the chargrill, look no further than the sirloin steak or the duck breast in blueberry-and-wine sauce.

And don't forget to take a look at the Aviator favourites such as the New York chicken or the chorizo-and-bacon breakfast salad.

Look out for the team's fifth annual beer festival, in August.

It is a perfect location in the spring and summer, with a good-sized beer garden and outdoor grill and live entertainment throughout the year.

The Aviator's popular Sunday roast is always an option, but do book in advance.

The restaurant is open from 11am-11pm Monday to Saturday and midday to 10.30pm on Sunday.

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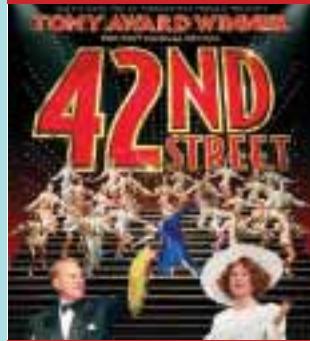


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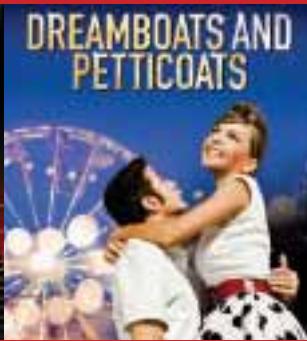


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The company recently showed off its eco-friendly capabilities at a construction and design event in Dartford.

It is now expanding its operations into East Anglia after being chosen to support part of one of the largest housing associations in the country.

The Sittingbourne-based company, the largest independent heating-installer in the South East, has been awarded a contract by Orbit South Housing Association. The contract runs from July 2012 to February 2024 and is worth an estimated £8 million.

Orbit South manages more than 3,500 homes in East Anglia and 12,000 in the South East; it is part of Orbit Group.

Swale Heating will be responsible for providing full year-round appliance servicing

and maintenance, including breakdown and repair work and new heating installations, to more than 2,000 homes that Orbit South manages across Norfolk and Suffolk.

Chris Riley, Swale Heating's operations director, said: "Orbit South is regarded as among the best in the sector and we're looking forward to working with them to develop and enhance the service they provide and maintain the highest possible standards."

James Connolly, Orbit's head of reactive services, said: "This is an exciting opportunity to improve services for our residents. We are looking forward to working with Swale Heating and delivering a successful partnership."

Swale Heating has been installing and maintaining heating systems for both domestic and corporate clients across a range of sectors for four decades.

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All aboard the Zafira Tourer fun bus for ride of your life

Driving

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By Steve Loader

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NOBODY would have guessed it then, but Peugeot established a dynasty of super superminis when it launched the 205 in 1983.

Some 5.3 million 205s were produced and it landed the glowing accolade Car Of The Decade in 1993, from the then ultra-cool Car Magazine.

The 205 gave way to the even more successful 206 (1998-2010 – 6.8 million built) before the bigger and more premium 207 (2006-12), which sold rather less but upheld a great tradition.

What's all the more remarkable about this legacy is that Peugeot had no great tradition for small cars before the arrival of the 205 – and certainly not stylish ones... if you can recall the rather ugly Peugeot 104.

But not only did the 205 rewrite the stylebook for Peugeot's own and everyone else's small hatchbacks, but there were fondly-remembered flagships like the Pininfarina convertible versions and brilliant GTi hot-hatches that made the most of the 205's wheel-at-each corner handling.

No pressure then on the all-new 208 – latest in the dynasty – when it hits showrooms on Thursday, June 28.

However, the signs are good. For a start, the 208 marks a return to the compact scale of the 205 and 206 after the relatively big 207, yet clever cabin design has created masses of space inside.

Clever powertrains give it the economic/eco-friendly credentials now required by buyers, with a lightweight 1.0-litre three-cylinder petrol engine being the potential star, offering a road-tax-exempt 99g/km of CO₂ that challenges dearer diesel options with the same tax status.

The new car comes in three- and five-door configurations, starting at £9,995 for the three-door VTi 68bhp Access model.

With a design already set to spark interest from younger drivers – the consumers who took the 205 so much to their hearts – Peugeot will also add the car to its innovative 'Just Add Fuel' leasing offer.

For a fixed monthly price including insurance, the only extras are fuel costs, and by now opening the scheme to drivers as young as 21, the French marque should give the 208 a flying start in the sales charts.

Five trim levels are offered, with the single entry level Access three-door model including electric front windows, remote-controlled central locking and a sound system with steering-column-mounted controls and, perhaps surprisingly, cruise control.

However, you'll need an extra £850 to trade up to Access+ trim to get air-con and more goodies.

As with its illustrious predecessor, Peugeot also expects some premium demand. The 205 satisfied this with special editions like the Roland Garros, and the 208's take on this is the 'Ice Velvet' Limited Edition (£18,495), including big panoramic roof, lots of chrome and special trimming, dual zone air-con and premium alloys.



PEUGEOT 208

Price:
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Driving appeal:
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Image:
★★★★

Space:
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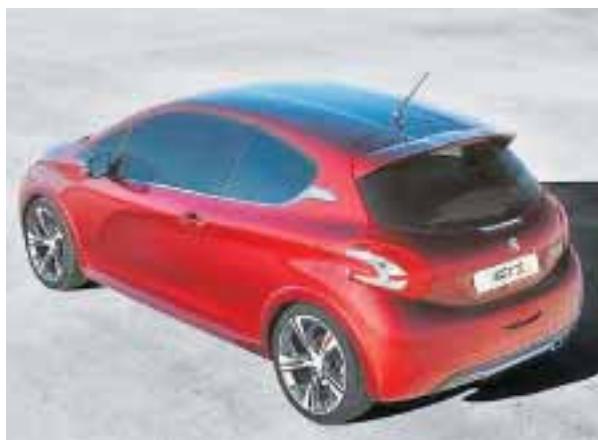
Running costs:
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Reliability:
★★★★

How green?:
★★★★

Best rival:
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Peugeot's dynasty soap all set to continue with episode 208



ONWARDS:

The new 208, top, looks stylish in both three- and five-door versions, while the GTi, left, was the epitome of 205 cool... but judging by this GTi concept car, far left, the 208 could hit the same heights as its predecessor

DON'T LIKE

... the fact that we've had to wait a generation to really uphold the greatness of the 205 and 206; the 207 was a bit of a dud by comparison.

NOT SURE

... the entry models will look cheap and well specified enough against some of the opposition, though 'French chic' should sway many buyers.

REALLY LIKE

... the look of the 208, the promise of good driving enjoyment and the technology and efficiency built into some excellent powertrains.

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'Ceeding' to start in June

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As with the first-generation car, it has been designed, engineered and built in Europe.

Two petrol and two turbodiesel engines are offered, all with six-speed gearboxes, including Kia's first-ever dual clutch box.

The car also has the usual Kia seven-year/100,000-mile warranty.


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Prices for the D-Max start at £14,499 (minus taxes), and dealers are taking orders ahead of the July on-sale date.


Countdown to new Volvo V40

ORDER books are open for what may be the best-looking five-door family hatchback on the market – Volvo's new V40.

The all-new car, complementing the existing Volvo C30 three-door model, is aimed at company-car-user choosers, with its good residuals, pricing and low CO₂ and taxes.

The Swedish marque says it is the most important car it has launched for 20 years.

All aboard the Wonka express

By Steve Loader
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KIDS told me that if Willy Wonka had runabouts for his Chocolate Factory then they would look like this week's test car.

Admittedly, our Vauxhall Zafira Tourer's dark-brown exterior and chocolate and caramel interior could have been a giant Wonka bar, while its seven seats left plenty of room for Wonka's little helpers – the Oompa-Loompas.

No, it wasn't a colour scheme I would have chosen, but the chocolate theme made it an even bigger hit with a carload of kids, who enjoyed manoeuvring the three independent middle-row seats and, as ever, arguing over who would sit in the rearmost pair.

Aside from being a fun bus for kids – whatever its colour – the Zafira Tourer (from £21,010) is also a pleasure for grown-ups.

It's a big and roomy yet good-looking people-carrier, impeccably screwed together with a well-arranged classy and glassy cabin. Depending on whether you have the standard or sporting chassis, it also handles tautly for a high vehicle.

The latter means that Vauxhall can now put pressure on Ford's S-Max, which has had the 'sporty seven-seater' label rather to itself.

What's more, the Zafira Tourer is actually slightly cheaper.

Of two petrol options, the turbocharged 140PS (138bhp) 1.4-litre (from £22,320) is quite a revelation. It's lively and the combined mpg is only 10-12 worse than the equivalent diesel, depending on model, and you'll save yourself at least £1,000 upfront.

However, most people will opt for the diesel (from £22,270) – a 2.0-litre unit available in three outputs, particularly if they are going to use all those seats and space on a regular basis.

Our test car was the most powerful, the 165PS (163bhp), which will hit 60mph in 9.3 seconds yet average more than 50mpg when fitted with the start/stop fuel and emissions saver for city or congestion use.

Ours was also in upmarket SE spec, which brings the sports chassis that I recommend you need to sharpen up the car.

The Tourer looks and feels closer to the road than many MPVs, but you still get a high driving

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IMPRESSIVE:

Vauxhall's Zafira Tourer has everything you would want for a family car: classy interior, plenty of room, seven seats and more than enough space for stowage, perfect for long journeys

position even if it's not enough to see where that long nose ends, and the sports set-up cuts down on body roll when cornering while still delivering an excellent ride quality – literally a tall order for most MPVs.

And with the gearshift nicely to hand, plus a steering set-up that manages to be light for parking yet gives good feedback, the big Tourer can feel quite agile.

But that's really for when driving solo; mostly, Tourer owners will be using the car's considerable flexibility to carry people and their stuff.

And that's really where the Tourer scores with its high-quality interior and the ability to slide, rake or fold those three middle seats independently. The sliding makes it possible to adjust legroom for the two rear chairs to carry adults – a rarity in a seven-seater.

Needless to say, folding them all down turns the Tourer into a huge van – ideal for a bit of sidebaord moving.

Upmarket versions also feature a FlexRail centre console that has a deep bin, retractable cup-holder and sliding armrest; it's a clever piece of kit to complement lots of stowage and connectivity in the car – perfect for long fully-laden journeys.

Equipment on the car is generous anyway, but particularly so on our SE model – one step away from flagship Elite trim.

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Toyota, schizophrenic? Who us?

By Steve Loader

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IT seems Toyota has beaten an identity crisis.

For years it sought to glamorise its mainstream hacks with sporting stablemates such as the MR2, Celica and Supra – several versions are acclaimed as classic drivers' cars.

But then came the Japanese car giant's obsession with the hybrid and all things green; laudable, of course, but where did those sporting-halo cars go?

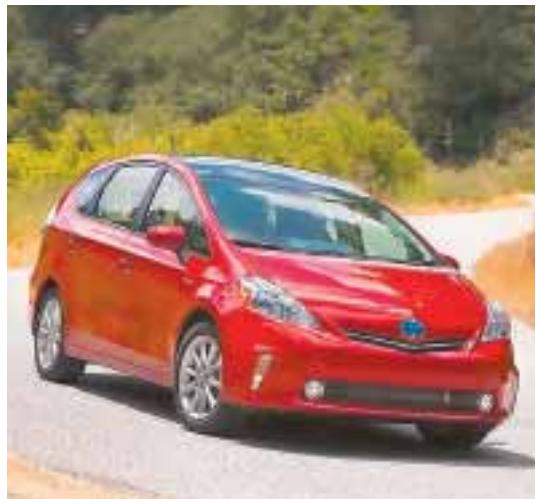
Finally, Toyota woke up and, fittingly, just a week ahead of launching its latest hybrid, it will deliver a wonderfully retro sports coupé with rear-wheel drive – it should do wonders for a lack-lustre image.

You can look hard for cars to compare with the GT86, but only two come close, due to their rear-driven layout: the Mazda's brilliantly chuckable MX-5 roadster, though it lacks the Toyota's performance, and Nissan's brutal and powerful but heavier 370Z.

The GT86 is priced aggressively, too – £24,995 with six-speed manual gearbox or £26,495 with six-speed auto – and featuring just one high-spec trim that includes limited slip differential to put the power down effectively, sports seats, dual-zone air-con and 17-inch alloys.

That price might sound high during the current downturn, but it's a bargain for an out-and-out sportster with instant classic written all over it.

It's no monster, either. After years of obsessing with hybrids, there was no way Toyota's bout of sporting schizophrenia was going to



DOUBLE TAKE: Toyota GT86 sees a return to sporting glamour for the Japanese carmaker, while Toyota's Prius+ will be the UK's first seven-seat hybrid

descend into chest-beating V8 turbocharged 'to hell with the planet' mayhem.

So the GT86 is tautly styled and low-slung, enabled by a 197bhp non-turbo 2.0-litre 'boxer' (horizontally-opposed) engine donated by Subaru – Toyota has a sizeable stake in parent company Fuji – which launches its own sister coupé to the GT86 shortly.

It's also a 2+2, albeit a cramped one, so you

can take the kids out in it, too, but there may be some GT86-owners who will buy Toyota's other July debutante as the family's everyday car; the new Prius+ MPV (from £26,195) arrives on Monday, July 9 – just a week after the GT86.

It's the UK and Europe's first hybrid seven-seater and the extra seating and load space has been made possible by a lighter and more compact battery pack that fits into the car's centre

console rather than intruding into space further to the rear. This also contributes to the car's light weight that, along with the petrol-electric powertrain and aerodynamics, delivers road tax/congestion charge-exempt CO2 emissions of 96g/km and an official combined 68.9mpg.

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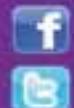


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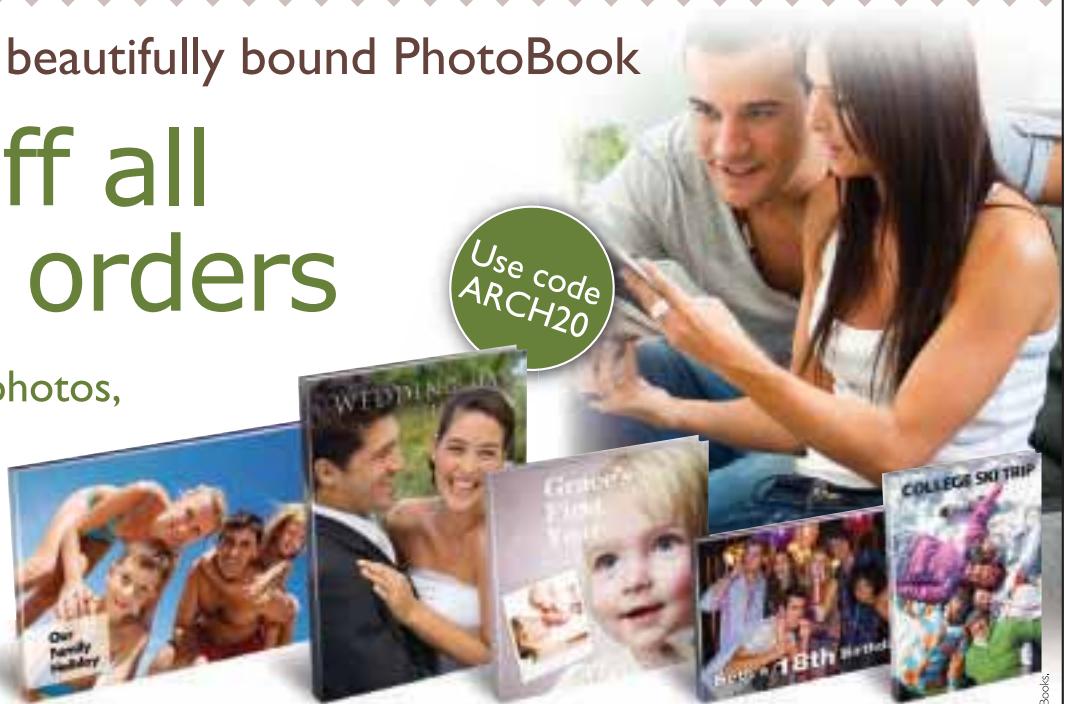
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Make the most of what we've got

By Sam Davison

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ELECTRIC or possibly hydrogen-powered cars are said to be the future, but the practicality and infrastructure for either still seem a long way off.

Which leaves us making the best of what we've got in the here and now – the internal combustion engine.

And it has come a long way in a short time since the threat of global warming was identified; its power and fuel economy have both gone up, while CO₂ emissions have come down.

Large family cars and MPVs are now capable of an average fuel consumption close to where superminis were just a few years ago, and it isn't all to do with the engine, either, since low-rolling resistance tyres, lighter oils, better aerodynamics and weight-saving techniques help modern eco-friendly cars eke out every precious litre of fuel while lowering emissions.

And that's just as well, with the effects of the recession still shackling the UK economy and fuel prices reaching record heights.

It is timely, too, that Japanese car giant Toyota



and its premium brand Lexus have led the way with hybrid cars, marrying efficient petrol engines with electric motors to deliver the best of both worlds.

Electric power is clean and delivers instant pulling power, whereas a piston engine needs time to work up to full revs, but battery technology is not yet good enough to deliver the realistic

travelling range, so that comes from the onboard piston engine.

The formula works best on bigger cars where there is more room for both petrol and electric powertrains plus the latter's batteries – this has proved to be a winner for Lexus.

But there are other forces driving us down the eco motoring route; the Government persuades

us to downsize into smaller and cleaner cars through tougher road-tax-bandings ranging from zero to £460 a year.

The ceiling can be even higher in year one, when buying a new gas-guzzler attracts a £1,000 hit – mind you, anyone who can think about buying a thirsty luxury model isn't likely to be put off by a little extra cash.

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DECISIONS: Hyundai's all-new i30 is a real diesel eco champion but Fiat's 500 TwinAir shows that a lightweight turbocharged petrol engine can rival a diesel for low-down power, emissions and escape road tax

Diesel versus petrol – which gets your vote?

By Sam Davison

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DIESEL has been the wonder-fuel of the past decade or so. Once we only associated it with commercial vehicles, but now it can be found in luxury cars and even sports models.

New diesel cars have also overtaken petrol as the first choice with UK buyers, but there are signs it is running out of puff in the race to cut emissions and save money.

Its original appeal was the cheapness of the fuel, greater mpg and the better low-down pulling power of the engines, plus their ability

to meet the then tighter emissions legislation.

However, diesel fuel now commands an increasing premium against petrol and there are doubts whether the engines can continue to meet ever-tougher emission laws.

Meanwhile, petrol power has hit back with smaller, lighter and cleaner engines, with turbocharging for extra flexibility.

Fiat has highlighted this with the new turbocharged twin-cylinder TwinAir petrol unit fitted to its retro-styled 500 hatchback.

Despite having a smaller capacity (875cc) than many sporting motorcycles, this multiple-award-winning 85bhp engine delivers lively

performance when required, as well as excellent economy and low emissions – it can average almost 70mpg and also escapes road tax.

What's more, Fiat has created a unique TwinAir look that highlights the car's sporting rather than eco credentials – apparently you can have your panettone and eat it.

In any case, petrol makes great sense on small cars because the engines are usually much lighter than their diesel equivalents, making them nimbler and nicer to drive as well as easier on front-end mechanicals and tyres.

As you go up in size, though, it might seem better to go for a diesel, though a new-generation

lightweight turbocharged petrol engine might be just as effective. The key is to tot up your likely miles over the years you own the car; the diesel may be more economical, but price at the pumps and the extra initial cost of buying the car might make the petrol a better bet.

Or you could hedge those bets with a hybrid. The technology, spearheaded by Toyota and its premium stablemate Lexus, is a partnership between conventional engines with electric units.

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MAN and machine in harmony can slash pounds off your motoring bill.

The key is to downsize and run a cheaper car and then save even more by smarter driving and journey planning.

Avoid short journeys; a cold engine wastes fuel and can produce 60 per cent more pollution than a warm one, and short car journeys require extra servicing and will wear the engine faster.

If you must drive, then drive off immediately, rather than idling the engine. It will warm up faster, use less fuel and pump out less CO₂.

In winter, this also helps the car-heater warm faster, though windscreens must be fully defrosted before setting off.

Here are some more eco tips:

- Plan your route to save strain on car and driver. Take the most direct route – a sat-nav can help – and go off-peak if possible. If you commute, think about car-sharing, park-and-ride bus schemes or other public transport.
- Have your vehicle serviced regularly. Neglected engines reduce fuel economy by 10 per cent or more. Catalytic converters clean emissions, but only when properly maintained.
- Check tyres: under-inflated tyres need replacing more often (itself an environmental problem), are dangerous and waste fuel. Check pressures weekly.
- Obey speed limits to save money and stay legal. 'Feather' the throttle as you reach cruising speed: 56mph uses 25 per cent less fuel than 70mph, while a smoother driving style saves fuel.
- Accelerate briskly without racing the engine. Pulling away too fast uses up to 60 per cent more fuel. Smart gear-changes at modest engine speeds can save up to 15 per cent in fuel.



A SAVING GRACE: Eco models like the plug-in version of the trail-blazing Prius hybrid offer overnight charging, which allows the car to run for long distances on electric power

Drive clever – save better



SURE THING:

Adopt our driving tips to save money, but maybe think about downsizing to a small car like the all-new Fiat Panda

- Reduce drag. Remove roof-racks and carriers when not in use. Open windows cause drag and lower fuel economy. Remove unnecessary and heavy boot luggage and accessories and wide tyres that add rolling resistance. Air-conditioning costs fuel, so try to use the fan and vents unassisted.
- Buy green fuel and use less. Look for low-sulphur diesel (city diesel) or cleaner petrol (low sulphur/aromatics). Consider a conversion to LPG (liquid petroleum gas) – half the price of petrol and cleaner.
- Think ahead. There is no point rushing and then having to brake suddenly.
- Be a tank miser. Why fill the tank to the brim and carry more weight than is necessary?
- Avoid zero mpg. Turn off the engine after two minutes to save fuel and emissions if stuck in a jam.

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HOCKEY

Olympic dream not over for England ace despite being named as reserve

By Greg Miles

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ENGLAND hockey star Natalie Seymour feels she still has an important role to play at this summer's Olympic Games despite missing out on the full Great Britain squad.

The 25-year-old defender was named among the two reserve players along with Euro Canterbury team mate, goalkeeper Abi Walker, meaning she can be called up if a player is ruled out of the Games through injury.

But that is a scenario that Seymour selflessly is hoping doesn't happen, and instead she is going to push her team mates all the way in training to make sure they are ready for the summer of their lives.

As the 17th member name on the list she will have to watch from the stands as the Great Britain side play in east London, but she will be fully involved in the set-up on a day-to-day basis, and will be continuing to train with her team mates before the Games while also playing at the upcoming London Cup.

"I was really disappointed," she said. "I have been training really hard for a long time, it's something you dream of. The opportunity to play at your home Olympics is fantastic.

"Being named as a reserve is still an achievement. You never take anything for granted.

"Every day you go out and do training and with the things you have been involved in you believe you are good enough to be in the 16 but you never expect anything.

"I have had some great experiences."

Indeed she has, she was part of the side which came second to world champions Argentina at the Champions Trophy in January, as well as competing in the Olympic hockey venue last month in a test event.

"I'm just trying to look forward and not dwell on what's happened," she said. "100 per cent back them, they are all going out to win medals, and that's a fantastic thing to be a part of.

"Being number 17 you get to be a part of the experience, you will be in and around the Games.

"Another ten girls will still be training hard and won't get that experience, I feel proud and lucky to have that really.

"I have learnt so much across the last three years. It's very much about keeping focused on the day-to-day now.

"I literally feel right now that I want to make sure I'm in a good place day-to-day, to train hard and to do the best I can, that's all I can try to do."

It was clearly a difficult decision for coach Danny Kerry who made the emotional announcement to the press last Friday morning. By then Seymour had already found out as each team member received an email at 8am, which made for a difficult night's sleep.

"It was a restless night's sleep, I really didn't get much sleep," she said.

"I took myself for a walk to try and calm down. Sometime before the email you are sitting there hitting refresh even though you know it's an agreed time.

"We are all used to selection in the squad, I



Picture: ADY KERRY

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Right now I want to make sure I'm in a good place day-to-day; to train hard and to do the best I can. That's all I can try to do.

GB HOCKEY PLAYER, SEYMOUR

have been through some big selections before, it's part and parcel of being involved.

"It's testament to the programme and how well we all know each other that we are still able to have 28 people trying when everyone knows the 16 that are going to be going to the Olympic Games.

"Everyone has been really supportive, we are all just trying to help each other through and push each other on.

"I completely back the 16 he's picked, I have still got an important role to play."

The women's team are in Pool A which includes the Netherlands, China, Korea, Japan and Belgium, and will play their first match against Japan on July 29.

However the date they will be keeping their eyes firmly fixed on is August 10, when two sides will be competing for Olympic Gold at the Riverbank Arena.

MIXED EMOTIONS:

Natalie Seymour is happy to be a part of the squad but disappointed to be named in the reserves.

Picture: ADY KERRY

FOOTBALL

Chelsea ace proves move to big boys was the right choice despite advice

GILLINGHAM youth coach Darren Hare was more than happy to see one of his former pupils emerging into the European footballing elite, but has admitted that Ryan Bertrand's departure from Priestfield wasn't one he thought would work out.

Bertrand played 73 minutes on the left wing in Chelsea's Champions League final triumph over Bayern Munich, on a night he will surely never forget.

The 22-year-old joined the Gills as a nine-year-old and left for the heights of Stamford Bridge in 2005 in a £125,000 deal settled by a tribunal. Until now he was a relatively unknown figure at the Premier League side having spent seasons on loan at Reading and Nottingham Forest.

Hare knew he was destined for the top, but wanted to see him see his apprenticeship through at the club before moving on.

"We knew he was going to be a talented

player, he was attracting interest when he was with the under 15s, he wasn't looking out of place when he was playing up a year.

"We played against Chelsea up at Chatham Town, and won 2-0. Ryan was one of the stand-out players. They started to make a few enquiries, and did everything above board.

"The big clubs have fingers in pies all over the country, we had no formal enquiries, but people were turning up and watching him back then, they just walked in. There was no policy in place to police it.

"I don't blame him for making the decision, I thought it was going to be the wrong decision for him, but he's proved me wrong, and I wish him every success."

Bertrand was part of the youth side which Gillingham took to an early international tournament in 2004.

"I remember taking him out to France for a tournament, we all stayed on a caravan park and we had to try and look after them," he said.

"There was a bit of fun going on with the boys there, he was a good kid, he liked a laugh and a joke."

That side will have some familiar names for non-league football fans in Kent, and for anyone who is a die-hard follower of the lower leagues in the United States.

Defender Ashley Ulph is currently at Whitstable; striker George Purcell has recently signed for Tonbridge Angels, after spells at Dover and York; Tom Bryant is at Herne Bay, Frankie Chappell plies his trade for Folkestone Invicta; Craig Stone is at Ebbsfleet United, and Nick Rich has most recently played for Mississippi Brilla in the Premier Development League in the States.



HAPPY: Darren Hare was pleased to see his former pupil in the final

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INLINE HOCKEY

World championship glory beckons for Wells coach

By Greg Miles

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TUNBRIDGE Wells resident Andrew Sillitoe is hoping a new fitness regime will have prepared his players well enough for the Inline Hockey World Championships next week.

The Great Britain coach, who represented the nation in the sport, and as a semi-pro ice hockey player before retiring in 2008, takes his side to Ingolstadt in Germany where they will compete against the top teams in the world.

The tournament starts on Friday and sees the GB team take on current world champions the Czech Republic.

In their two other games in Group A they take on three-time winners Finland and six time winners Sweden.

The other teams involved in Group B include the USA, Canada, Slovenia, and Germany.

GB booked their place in the tournament after beating Hungry 3-2 to gain promotion to the elite Top Division, ranking them as one of the top eight teams in the world.

To help with the preparation for the tournament they recruited fitness expert Peter Dale from America.

Sillitoe, who played in 11 world championships, said: "I wanted only the fittest, strongest, most committed and talented players on the team.

"To do that we had to invest in the right people and start our training even earlier in the season.

"Our ultimate goal this year is to stay in the Top Division, as we will be playing against pro-



FOCUSED: Andrew Sillitoe has improved the fitness of his squad with help from American expertise

fessional players and we are an amateur team."

GB has come along way since first competing in the world championships in 1998 where the team lost every game and were relegated from the tournament for two years.

But that disappointment didn't last long as a campaign got underway to develop interest in

the sport, with the recruitment and training of young players aged between 10 and 14.

It has paid dividends with the current age of the squad just 23.

They returned to the international scene in 2001 where they greatly improved their ranking in the tournament.

MOTORSPORT

Owens closing in on career best after determined drive

PEMBURY racer Raoul Owens has mixed emotions after his latest drive in the Prototype Formula Renault BARC championships.

The 17-year-old produced two determined drives at Rockingham in the second weekend of racing in the season, finishing a credible 12th and 11th in rounds four and five of the series.

It was a bittersweet drive for Owens as he came so close to matching his career-best of a top 10 finish, which was achieved at Snetterton in April.

"I'm kind of disappointed with the weekend but happy at the same time", he said.

"I know we had the dry weather pace to be in the top five in the races but starting so far back, especially in race two, always makes things so much more difficult in single-seaters."

He qualified in 13th place for the opening encounter during the first rain-affected run and that was something of an achievement in itself with four stoppages blighting the session.

During the damp round five qualifying period, which was also



CLOSE: Owens near to best finish

affected by red flags, he was 18th on the timesheets out of the 28 drivers involved and so faced a very tall order to get up the placings.

"I'm happy I came up through the order fairly well, I got a good start in both races and we've scored quite well again which is important", he said.

"Qualifying was obviously a mess with all of the red flags, it was hard to get in a lap at all."

The fastest track in the season, Hampshire's Thruxton circuit, hosts rounds six and seven of the championship, on Sunday June 17.

FOOTBALL

Warrilow hopes for home comforts to boost funds

TONBRIDGE Angels boss Tommy Warrilow is hoping to lure a pro club to Longmeadow for a pre-season friendly to boost the club's coffers.

The club has pencilled in five fixtures so far against non-league opposition, but Warrilow is keeping his fingers crossed that he can get a League Two side or above to pay a visit to Longmeadow.

But it is proving a hard task with many sides already having agreements in place, largely to do with transfers from the non-league to professional clubs.

So far the Angels will play Ebbsfleet United at home on July 14 and Maidstone United away on July 21.

They then embark on a mini-tour of Newcastle with matches against Bedlington Terriers on July 27, and Blyth Spartans on July 28, while they will travel to Folkestone Invicta in the first week of August, though a firm date has yet to be confirmed.

"I'm just waiting on a couple of league clubs to come back to me," he said.

"As you can appreciate every-



FRIENDLY: Warrilow wants pro side

body is snowed under trying to get things sorted.

"We have only got one home game at the moment."

He said that if the league clubs he has been in contact with aren't able to come to Tonbridge he has visits to other non-league sides planned.

CRICKET ROUNDUP



Wells beat the rain but not Canterbury

TUNBRIDGE Wells finally got their league season off the ground with the visit of Canterbury to the Nevill, and had to settle for a losing draw.

Canterbury batted first and hit 227 for nine, with James Lilley doing the damage with an impressive 109 runs which included 14 fours from 162 balls.

Wells bowler Evert Bekker finished with five wickets for 71 runs, and also top scored with the bat hitting 49, as they fell 27 runs short.

In Division Two, Linden Park beat Hayes by 43 runs as they hit 180 all out.

Jayden Hoare top scored with 47 before he was caught and bowled by Ashley Quayle, who took seven wickets for 36 runs.

Hayes were restricted to 137 all out thanks to seven wickets from Ben Collins.

In Division Three, Holmesdale beat Catford Wanderers by 10 runs as they reached 143 all out, and bowled out their visitors for 133.

In Division Four, Cowdrey took on Sidcup who batted first and hit a mammoth total of 302 for three, with Mat Kilbey hitting 129 not out.

Opener Gayashan Munasinghe hit 91 in reply, but fell 139 runs short as they were bowled out for 163.

KENT CRICKET LEAGUES

PREMIER DIVISION

	P	W	WD	BatP	BowlP	Pts
Blackheath	3	1	1	4	3	41
Bexley	3	1	1	2	2	38
Hartley Country Club	3	1	0	0	0	32
Beckenham	3	1	0	2	1	31
Bickley Park	3	1	0	1	2	31
Canterbury	3	0	1	4	8	26
Tunbridge Wells	3	0	0	3	4	23
Sevenoaks Vine	3	0	1	5	11	22
Bromley	3	0	0	0	2	18
Lordswood	3	0	0	2	4	14

DIVISION TWO

Gore Court	3	2	0	0	0	48
Upchurch	3	2	1	4	3	45
Catford and Cyphers	3	2	0	0	0	44
Linden Park	3	1	0	2	2	32
Bromley Common	3	1	0	0	4	28
Hayes (Kent)	3	0	0	1	4	21
Ashford Town	3	0	0	0	2	18
HSBC, Kent	3	0	1	4	7	17
Dartford	3	0	0	3	5	16
Gravesend	3	0	0	2	6	16

DIVISION THREE

Addington Village	3	3	0	0	0	52
Chestfield	3	2	0	0	0	40
Old Wilsonians	3	1	0	2	3	33
High Halstow	3	1	0	0	0	28
Old Elthamians	3	1	0	1	2	27
Old Cofeians	3	0	1	3	7	24
Holmesdale	3	1	0	0	3	23
Downham & Bellingham	3	0	0	0	3	19
Catford Wanderers	3	0	0	1	8	17
Harvel	3	0	0	0	0	16

DIVISION FOUR

Sidcup	3	2	0	0	0	48
Macnade	3	2	0	0	0	44
Minster (Shepway)	3	1	0	0	4	32
Rainham	3	1	0	2	2	32
Bexleyheath	3	1	0	0	4	28
Gravesend RF	3	1	0	1	2	27
Norington	3	1	0	1	1	26
Bettlesanger Colliery	3	0	0	0	4	20
Rodmersham	3	0	0	0	4	20
Cowdrey	3	0	0	4	4	16

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